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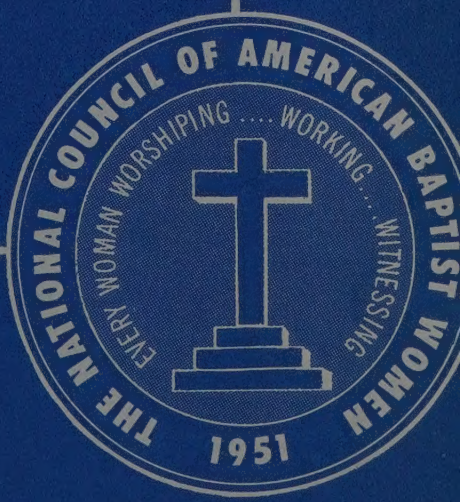

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MRS. KENNETH COBER
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'Tis God gives skill,
But not without men's hands: He could not make
Antonio Stradivari's violins
Without Antonio.[1]

The central panel of a fresco, by Michaelangelo, in the Sistine Chapel in Rome, depicts the creation of man. This painting suggests that creation can be complete only when the outstretched hand of God meets the outstretched hand of man.

The use of hands in a pictorial symbol, as on the cover of the 1959-1960 Program Packet, "Greater Works Shall Ye Do," could portray effectively such meaningful experiences as communion with God, Christian fellowship, and creative activity "through dedicated hands, hands that seek, hands that pray, hands that work in the home, hands employed in industry, and hands that meet in fellowship."[2] We may perform greater works for God but only if we are first willing to receive direction and power from God's hand. Before we can extend our hands in effective service we must reach upward in prayer for the hand of God.

On Woman's Day, in Des Moines, Iowa, June 4, 1959, we paused briefly for reflection on our accomplishments. Such annual reviews have been gratifying to us. As we approach our ninth milestone in the life of the National Council of American Baptist Women, we are reassured of the wisdom of our course for these years have been marked by creative activity and progress. However, we must never be satisfied with the accomplishments of the past. Humbly do we recognize how much more could be accomplished if all of our resources were fully committed to the work of the Lord.

In the book of Micah we read, "Arise and go, for this is no place to rest" (Micah 2:10 RSV). What can be said to people can also be said to organizations, especially to those that say, "Let's not do anything new that takes energy."

Perhaps such an attitude could be the reason that while we have 6,034 societies listed in the annual report of the national president only 4,188 societies reported. Must we conclude that these societies which were not heard from have decided to sit back and settle down into a groove? Are they overlooking the fact that an important factor in the growth of a healthy organization is adaptability to changing situations; a readiness to recognize new ways of functioning?

The National Council of American Baptist Women seeks to interpret its program through the state, association, and the local society, thus providing a set-up through which all women of the local church may join hands in worship, witness, and work. Unity of purpose and program can greatly strengthen our work. The wise use of the talents of many women—young and old, experienced and inexperienced—for the many different tasks strengthens the society and the church.

We all recognize the value of teamwork. Sometimes the members of an individual society feel a sense of frustration in attempting activities because the society is not working through the proper channels as provided by the national organization. Such a society—isolated and insulated—is usually a non-organized, non-reporting, non-cooperating group which remains not only insignificant but ineffective. However, once a part of the national organization it is possible for every society to release dormant powers and to build a Woman's Baptist Mission Society that will have a vital share in achieving the world mission of the American Baptist Convention, which is God's work to which we are called.

Michaelangelo was once asked which of his masterpieces was the greatest. He quickly replied, "The next!" And so although the achievements of the past have been many and greatly significant, the year of greatest achievement for the women of our Convention can be, "the next." We can do greater works than have characterized the past if we join hands with one another in a common task and seek in all that we do the guiding hand of God.

[1] *Stradivarius.* George Eliot.
[2] Quoted from the "Interpretation of the Program Packet Cover," by the artist, E. E. McCannell, Olympia, Washington.

To the Presidents

From: Frieda Roach (Mrs. Howard L. Roach) *(right)*
Introducing: Helen Stuber *(left)*
(Mrs. Stanley I. Stuber)
National President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Dear Presidents:

Those of you who have just completed a term or two of service understand, I believe, the mixed emotions of the retiring president. There is regret for mistakes and failures; there is joy in certain accomplishments; and there is anticipation of the rocking chair. Perhaps the joy of two new grandchildren this past year makes the latter all the more desirable and alluring for me!

Many years ago Tennyson said, "I am a part of all that I have met." Well, you are a part of me also. The experiences, associations, friendships, joys and sorrows of the past four years have made us a part of each other. When you have had joy, I have rejoiced with you. When you have had trouble or sorrow, I have had concern for you. All of these experiences have helped to broaden my sympathetic understanding and to deepen my insight, and to enrich my life.

Your loyalty, your cooperation, and your dedication to your tasks have been a constant source of inspiration to me, and have given me an ever increasing faith in the rightness of the work we are striving to do.

In the Lord's work no officer becomes so important that she cannot return to work in her own church, in her own local society, and continue to give to the best of her ability, insofar as possible, whenever and wherever requested. This I shall strive to do.

Reporting

A study of thousands of local reports reveal to us the scope and effectiveness of the various areas of work which are a part of the total program of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

That you, too, may see that reports are not just cold statements of facts but rather exciting revelations of growth, I have tabulated for you some of the findings resulting from a study of the 1958-1959 annual reports. An increase of . . .

→ 40,000 active women in our American Baptist churches, since the organization of the National Council of American Baptist Women in 1951!
→ 9,701 active women during 1958-1959!
→ 620 new societies during the last four years!
→ 558 new circles during the last four years!
→ $65,000 in the Love Gift during the last four years!

Reports are far from statements of cold facts. Rather they are revelations of life, interest, and vitality which extend through the local Woman's Baptist Mission Society into the activities of the church and are reflected, through participation in the benevolence budget of the church, to the world mission of the denomination.

Reporting is real! Reporting is vital!

"The Fields Are Already White . . ." (RSV)

A study of the reports from all the officers and chairmen in our National Council of American Baptist Women reveals that American Baptist women are becoming increasingly aware of their Christian commitments as shown by the many and varied types of their service.

- American Baptist women have, to be sure, a remarkable record of achievement, but I wonder whether you believe with me that we have only scratched the surface of that which we shall accomplish in the years to come.
- American Baptist women potentially can do anything that they put their hearts and hands to—"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6 RSV).
- American Baptist women will meet with strength and courage the challenge of today and the unpredictable but exciting tomorrow. ". . . the fields are already white for harvest" (John 4:35 RSV).
- American Baptist women who are yet on the inactive roll of our churches must be reached and enlisted to active service if we are to make our fullest contribution as American Baptist women to the cause of Christ, by extending his kingdom to the ends of the earth as well as here in the homeland.

Together, We Served

The past four years have been some of the most rewarding years of my life. For the opportunity to serve with you, I shall always be grateful. Together, we have tried to hear and to meet the needs of American Baptist women, and to challenge those who have not caught the full meaning of that to which they committed themselves when they said, "Lord, I believe" and associated themselves with a Baptist church.

Mrs. Stanley I. Stuber

It is now my pleasure to present to you the "first lady" of American Baptist women, Mrs. Stanley I. Stuber, who was unanimously elected as president of the National Council of American Baptist Women on June 4, 1959, at the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. Stuber was born in Brownfield, Maine, and was graduated from Bates College. While living in Ridgewood, New Jersey, she served as president of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, chairman of the Board of Missions, and chairman of the Board of Christian Education of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Mrs. Stuber was president of the New Jersey Woman's Baptist Mission Society, and has served on committees of the Board of Managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

Since living in Kansas City, Missouri, Mrs. Stuber has served as chairman of the Board of Missions and Benevolences of the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri, of which she is a member, and as state Vice-President of Missions. She has also been a member of the Board of Directors of the Y.W.C.A. and of the Board of Managers of United Church Women, and has served as a member of the General Council of the American Baptist Convention. Mrs. Stuber is at present a member of the Planning Committee of the Japan International Christian University Foundation.

To Mrs. Stuber, state, association, and local presidents will continue to give, I am sure, the same loyal cooperation and prayerful support which were given to me during these past four years. May God bless all of you as you begin this new relationship of presidents serving together with impressive competence and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

How-do-you-do, Presidents One and All

If an outgoing president has mixed emotions so also does an incoming president, as many of you will agree. We are starting out on unfamiliar paths but with anticipation of new friendships, new challenges, and new opportunities for service. We are grateful for those who have gone before and laid so fine a foundation. We are hoping sincerely that we can continue the building. So now with the mantle on our shoulders and the gavel in our hands we step forward with the faith that if in all our ways we do acknowledge him, he shall direct our paths.

The opportunity of speaking to so many presidents and circle leaders through this page of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN is heartily welcomed. The report last year indicated that 3,220 presidents—state, association, and local—received this publication. That makes it a most valuable medium of communication.

Christian Higher Education

We have been made well aware of the need for support to our Baptist schools, colleges, and seminaries. Now is the time for us to respond to that need.

As the pledges are taken in our churches this fall, let us not only support CHEC—the Christian Higher Education Challenge—ourselves, but let us encourage others also to do likewise.

We need trained Christian leaders. CHEC will help to provide such training for our young people.

Baptist Day of Prayer

December 4, 1959 is the date! A copy of the program for the service for the Baptist Day of Prayer is being channeled through the state and association chairmen of Spiritual Life to each local chairman of Spiritual Life.

Offerings should be sent to the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

World Community Day

The date is Friday, November 6, 1959.

The theme: "Full Partners for Peace"

Baptist women will want to avail themselves of the opportunity to participate in the World Community Day program sponsored by United Church Women.

Order your packet of material for World Community Day from the P & D Department, National Council of Churches, P. O. Box 140, Madison Square Station, New York 10, New York. Price, 50 cents. To avoid disappointment on late shipments, please observe the shipping deadline of October 23, 1959.

A Change in Title

Chairman of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas! Don't you like it? This change in name was voted at the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women in Des Moines, June 4, 1959.

The former title—Chairman of Speakers and Interpreters—often caused misunderstanding and confusion. The new title is self-explanatory.

State, association, and local societies will want to make this change in their constitutions:

Chairman of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas.

Employed Women and the Church

Does this sound familiar? "It is increasingly hard to find leadership for our women's societies; so many of our women are working." If so, you will want to purchase a copy of Cynthia Wedel's little booklet *Employed Women and the Church*. Order from the Office of Publication and Distribution, 120 East 23rd Street, New York 10, New York. Price, 35 cents.

The first chapter deals with the situation as it is today; the second, with the effect employment of women has upon women as individuals and, since the lives of men and women are closely interrelated, the readjustments that men must make; the third, presents a few of the problems raised for family life as more and more wives and mothers are employed outside the home; and the last chapter considers the problems brought to the traditional organization of church and community life. At the end of each chapter there are topics for consideration and study.

To the First Vice-Presidents

From: Virginia Farmar (Mrs. William G. Farmar)
National First Vice-President
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Findings Important To All First Vice-Presidents

A definite increase in the promotional work of our division was revealed by the tabulation of statistics from the 1958-1959 annual reports submitted by the thirty-five state First Vice-Presidents. Consecrated leadership in the states, associations, and local societies made these excellent results possible.

Here are a few of the significant attainments:

→ 134 more local Woman's Baptist Mission Societies reported than in 1957-1958.

→ Increase noted in the number of workbooks in use.

→ Decrease reported in the number of First Vice-Presidents serving as a chairman in the division.

→ 1122 First Vice-Presidents emphasized the Lay Development Program.

→ Program for Action accomplished effective results:

1. 9,701 women were reactivated through the efforts of 736 local First Vice-Presidents.
2. 352 local societies were reactivated by 161 association First Vice-Presidents.
3. 64 associations showed new interest through the effort of 14 state First Vice-Presidents.

Findings Continued

These same annual reports which revealed a definite *increase* in the promotional work of our division indicated also a *decrease* in the number of First Vice-Presidents attending Leadership Training Workshops. This decrease in the 1958-1959 reports can easily be changed to an increase in the 1959-1960 reports, if each First Vice-President will attend at least two Leadership Training Workshops during the 1959-1960 program year.

To be well-informed concerning our work, it is necessary to attend association and state meetings that have been planned to train women to become better leaders. These meetings and workshops, the result of long-range, careful planning, will not only inform but will provide opportunity for participation by those attending. Group discussion and the sharing of ideas enable women to meet on a common ground and to develop the ability necessary for effectively spreading this information to others.

Let each First Vice-President resolve to attend at least two Leadership Training Workshops during the program year 1959-1960!

What Now?

Nine thousand seven hundred and one inactive women were reactivated last year! We rejoice that in these thousands of women interest in the woman's work in our American Baptist churches has been rekindled. At the same time, however, we cannot but wonder why Baptist women become lethargic toward this challenging and fascinating work for the Master. Could it be due to a poorly planned meeting? Might it be because of a drab, uninteresting program? Or, possibly, would a leader not equipped for her job be the answer? Was there failure to interpret clearly the true meaning of woman's role not only in mission work but in the total church program?

We have in our midst a battalion—mighty but lost—when to the list of inactive women we add those who have never engaged in church work. During this year let us, therefore, endeavor to enlist this potential leadership which is to be found in every church. In planning programs for the year, let us recognize the leadership being given by those women in the church who are active in civic organizations in the community, and let them feel they are also needed in the Woman's Society of their church. Let us also be aware of the quiet, retiring person whose shyness holds her back from membership and participation in the Woman's Society. She, too, has her contribution to make; opportunity and experience will give her needed assurance.

Personalizing Our Interest

Have you ever tried the "continuing partner" idea in your society? The plan is simple:

Assign a "continuing partner" to every new member. The continuing partner will keep in touch with the new member by telephone, cards, and friendly visits. She will provide transportation to the next meeting. Visits to shut-ins and the sick members of the society may be made together. This personalized interest helps the new member to realize that others are interested in her *and* in her activity in the church.

Capsule Division Meeting

During the Sixth Annual Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 11-18, 1959, "Our Fair Lady" was produced. In this presentation, written by Mrs. Stacy Randle, national chairman of Family Life, the areas of work included in the overall program of the

National Council of American Baptist Women were dramatized.

One of the several challenging aspects of the presentation was the active participation which was invoked on the part of the audience. A roving floor microphone was used to pick up the questions from the audience.

A First Vice-President in the audience spoke as follows: "We have been hearing much about the necessity of division meetings. In the spring issue of the AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, our national First Vice-President, Mrs. William Farmar, emphasized the need for division meetings. Now here is my question: 'Will you please tell us how to hold a *worthwhile* division meeting?'"

Since we had only eight minutes in which to answer this very important question, we tried, as a division, to present the essentials in the following demonstration.

[SCENE: *First Vice-President and her three chairmen seated around a table. An agenda, prepared by the Vice-President, was distributed. The agenda included Prayer, Welcome to the new Chairman of Literature, and consideration of the work of each chairman.*]

The members of the division spoke as follows:

CHAIRMAN OF LITERATURE: I have appreciated the workbook which my predecessor gave me. It is a complete file of her records. I have looked forward to this meeting when we plan our work together.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Yes, a workbook is a complete file of source material. It should be kept up to date and in good order.

CHAIRMAN OF LITERATURE: My workbook has helped me to become acquainted with the responsibilities of this office and to know what has been accomplished.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Because we have a new chairman in our division, I want to give you a few reasons why we feel it is imperative that we work and plan together.

1. Each chairman has equal opportunity to present her work.
2. Ideas can be shared.
3. Group planning is more productive.
4. The decision of the group is binding on the members of the division.
5. The entire division becomes familiar with all areas of the work.
6. Division meetings should be held at least three times a year. This applies to local, association, and state divisions.

CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE PARTY: One of the goals I have for this year is to write a leaflet that will contain suggestions for state chairmen of House Parties. Do you feel there is a need for this kind of help in leaflet form?

CHAIRMAN OF PROGRAM: I am sure that all of us feel that there is need for a guided directive in planning house party programs. I want to emphasize *good* programs this year. All societies should try to plan their programs in advance. Yearbooks can be made. They provide the opportunity for each woman to know the programs for the year. Other important information can be included. In the fall issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, page 8, there is an Evaluation Chart. This can be used to evaluate the programs.

CHAIRMAN OF LITERATURE: I have been studying the goals for my work. Six were selected for emphasis this year. I wish we could study "Literature Highlights" at the next meeting. Perhaps some changes need to be made.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Who orders the literature for other divisions?

CHAIRMAN OF LITERATURE: The chairman of Literature not only orders all of the free and priced literature for the society but also the reading and study books. She does this in consultation with the vice-presidents and the chairmen.

CHAIRMAN OF PROGRAM: In thinking of materials and information, we must remember that all of our programs should be on some phase of the American Baptist World Mission. The Program Packet provides us with many different types of programs. Each one has been written about some area of our work. A well-planned program must have adequate preparation to challenge us to greater service.

CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE PARTY: Will the "Program for Action" be promoted this year?

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Yes! We must continue to enlist the vast number of women who are not interested in the program of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. The one, two, three's of this plan are simple. The state reactivates associations in state meetings; associations reactivate local societies in association meetings; and local societies reactivate women into the Woman's Baptist Mission Society *and* into the total program of the church. Last year 9,701 women were reactivated through this plan. It has become a vital part of the work of the First Vice-Presidents.

CHAIRMAN OF LITERATURE: The time has gone very fast this afternoon, but I noticed that we covered everything on the agenda.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: We will have another meeting in the near future in connection with the next board meeting. I will notify you in ample time to allow you to make plans.

CHAIRMAN OF PROGRAM: Church women are busy with full schedules, but we realize in spite of that we must get together to plan our work.

CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE PARTY: This has been a brief but helpful meeting. I will have an outline of the suggested leaflet to present for your consideration the next time we meet. I have written to my counterparts for ideas that have been successful in their states.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Let us bow our heads for a few minutes of silent prayer, asking for Divine guidance. . . . Amen.

To the Chairmen of Program

From: Helen McDermott (Mrs. F. W. McDermott)
National Chairman of Program
Division of the First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 1813 West Iles Avenue,
Springfield, Illinois

Greetings!
Heart-felt greetings . . .

To all you wonderful chairmen of Program who sent in annual reports! Reports were received from . . .

71 per cent of the local church chairmen;
95 per cent of the association chairmen;
100 per cent of the state chairmen.

Thank you, one and all, most sincerely!

A 1959-1960 Emphasis

One of the emphases for this year is: Prepare a Yearbook and distribute a copy to every member. Have you done so? If not, it isn't too late to do it now. The 1959 spring issue of The American Baptist Woman carried a guide for preparing a Yearbook. Refer to this guide for suggestions for *your* Yearbook.

Program Packet

How many of the excellent programs in our 1959-1960 Program Packet, "Greater Works Shall Ye Do," are you using? Last year, according to the annual reports, an average of 4.5 programs, from the Program Packet, per society were used. Let us increase this average!

One program in this year's packet, which could be the most effective program of your year, will take considerable preparation. The program is entitled, "This Is Your Life." Schedule it late enough in the year to allow ample time to gather valuable, authentic, and interesting material. The following suggestions will help you obtain the information you desire:

→ Obtain a pen sketch of your missionary. Order it from your state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries.

→ Look through back copies of *Missions* and *Crusader*, to see whether you can find material about your missionary or her station.

→ Refer to *A Book of Remembrance, Along Kingdom Highways, Overseas Outreach,* or *Home Mission Digest.*

→ Write to the American Baptist Home Mission Societies or the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies—as the case may be—for copies of any newsletters, from your missionary, which are available.

Remember to . . .

- Gather the necessary information and dramatize the various episodes in the life of your missionary.
- Watch the television show, "This Is Your Life," to learn how it is presented.
- Close your meeting with prayer for your missionary.
- Make plans to do something helpful for your missionary.
- Be sure never to send her a gift without first finding out whether she will have to pay duty. One missionary had to pay duty of twelve dollars and a half to get a gift that had been insured here in this country for seven and one-half dollars. How welcome would such a gift be?

Another 1959-1960 Emphasis

All programs should be on some phase of our American Baptist World Mission.

Seventy-seven per cent of the societies reporting had eight or more programs on our American Baptist World Mission. Seventy-seven per cent sounds good; but seventy-seven per cent out of 100 per cent gives us only a C+ grade. Let us try to make it at least a B+ this year!

We do not need to go afield to find interesting subject matter. There is so much for us to know about our own denomination and its work—our work.

Simple questions, like the following, will help to awaken the members of your society to the need for more knowledge of our work:

→ What do the letters C H E C stand for? Don't omit the program in the Program Packet entitled, "Chec! Double Check!" It will reveal how much your members know—or do not know—about this tremendously important area of our denominational work.

→ Who can list the home mission fields outside the 50 states, and, also, in the forty-ninth state? Such questions would be a part of your program on our home mission work.

→ How many can name our foreign mission fields? And, who can name at least one missionary on each field? These are suggested questions for the program on our foreign mission work.

→ Do you know the names of the major boards of our denomination? Can you name the executive secretary of each board?

Remember! Our program time is short. It should be used for programs related to our work. Knowledge leads to interest and interest leads to giving and to service.

A Third Emphasis

Still another emphasis for the year is: Evaluate your programs. A suggested evaluation form follows.

1. List on the left half of the page the questions.
2. Rule three columns on the right half of the page.
3. Use the following classifications for each column: — Very much —— Some, but not much —— Very little— Have the members of your society place a checkmark in the column which is their answer to each of the following questions:

1. Were you interested in this meeting?
2. Do you think it will stimulate the women to come to the next meeting?
3. Did you learn any new facts or get any new ideas about the work of our church?
4. Did you change any of your previous ideas as a result of this meeting?
5. Did it seem to be related to our Woman's Society purpose and objectives?
6. Did it challenge the women to definite service and action?
7. Was there enough preparation for the meeting?
8. Was it timed carefully?
9. Was the atmosphere of the meeting friendly and enjoyable?
10. Did you feel at any time during the meeting that it was unusually spiritual?
11. Did it provide for group participation?

As you compile the results you can tell readily whether you are meeting the needs of the members of your society.

Additional Program Helps

Are you looking for additional program helps? If so, you will find the following helpful. This list is, of course, *in addition* to the Program Packet.

- *Missions.* Each month there is a good program on the year's theme in *Missions.* This program is prepared for the small society and for the circles.
- "Helps from the Digest" is a series of eight programs based on the Home Mission Digest. The programs are free. The Digest is 75 cents.
- *Crusader* and *Missions* carry many articles on the current mission study themes. Also many pictures of missionaries and the mission stations are included. Look through last year's issues and you will find an abundance of material.
- "Congo Newsletters" published quarterly by the Baptist missionaries in Leopoldville. Send subscription to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. One year subscription, 75 cents.
- Plays may be given as plays or as play-reading. When used in the latter way the play is read and staged without costumes, scenery, or props. The play is read until the problem involved in the play is completely presented. Then the reading stops and the group discusses how the problem should—or could—be solved. After a sufficient discussion the play-reading is resumed to see how the author solved the problem. Good plays for this purpose are:

The Edge of the Village by Margaret Jump and Edith Agnew. This is a one-act play about an educated African youth who is expected to marry an illiterate girl from his village. Price, 50 cents.

Acres to Cross by Helen Kromer. This, too, is a one-act play. It is about a son who longs to escape the farm and a young tenant who wants the farm. Price, 50 cents.

More Playettes. These short dramatizations present problems faced by town and country communities. Price, 50 cents.

The Unfinished Task by Ethel F. Brown. This tells about the Christian Friendliness contacts of an American Baptist woman. Single copies are free; six copies, 50 cents. Order from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

- Audio-visual materials. When using audio-visual materials, it is important that the audience be prepared. For suggestions refer to pages 43-44 in *You Can Be A Leader.* Price, 50 cents.

You and the members of your society will not want to miss the following films which may be ordered from the nearest Baptist Film Library: 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York; 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley 5, California.

This Is My Heritage. Baptist heritage color filmstrip, 33⅓ rpm record, 37 minutes. Sale, $12.00.

With Our Hands. A color filmstrip with manuscript. The story of two White Cross packages. Sale, $5.00.

New Faces of Africa. Color, sound motion picture. 30 minutes. Rental, $12.00.

Challenge of Africa. Sound motion picture, 30 minutes. Rental, $8.00.

In the Footsteps of the Witchdoctor. Sound motion picture, 25 minutes. Rental, $7.00.

Masaya's Story. True story of a Congolese pastor's experience at an American Baptist mission. Color filmstrip, with manuscript. Sale, $5.00.

The Awakening Congo. A tour of American Baptist missions in Congo. Filmstrip with manuscript. Sale, $2.50.

None Goes His Way Alone. On the home mission theme. A story of one family's influence. Sound motion picture, 30 minutes. Rental, $6.00.

On Common Ground. Sound motion picture on the home mission theme. Rural churches, working together, increase their effectiveness and expand their program. 25 minutes. Rental, $6.00.

Digging Deep. Rural and urban youth work together. Color, sound filmstrip, 33⅓ rpm record, 20 minutes. Sale, $10.00.

- *Christian World Facts,* 1959-1960, Africa emphasis. Brief stories, good supplementary material. Order from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, 35 cents.
- Wright Studio materials. Order an Introductory set of "Accessories" for home and for foreign mission study programs from the Wright Studio, 5264 Brookville Road, Indianapolis 19, Indiana. Price, $1.00 each.

To the Chairmen of House Party

From: Florence Berg (Mrs. James C. Berg)
National Chairman of House Party
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Greetings, Chairmen of House Party!

An all time high in attendance at house parties was reached during 1958-1959! Over 15,366 women across our American Baptist Convention received inspiration, information, and training, and enjoyed fellowship at their state house parties, according to the annual reports for 1958-1959. And 3,677 women attended a state house party for the first time! Recall your first house party—then pause for a moment and think of the elation that these 3,677 women must have felt. Let us continually reach out to interest inactive and new members in our societies and in our churches that they, too, may participate.

Reports Are Important!

The annual reports reveal our weak as well as our strong spots. Thus are we shown where we must place special emphasis. Our 1958-1959 reports indicate the need for concentration upon . . .

1. Full-time rather than part-time attendance at the house parties. Some states had more women attending the house party for part time rather than for the full period. Local situations may, to be sure, account for the part-time attendance, but if we were to put more stress upon the importance of full-time attendance, whenever it is possible, probably more women would make the necessary effort and the special planning that being away from home requires. And if possible, provisions should be made for *all* officers and chairmen to attend full time.

2. A chairman of House Party for each society. Annual reports indicated that out of the 4,188 local societies reporting there are 505 without a chairman of House Party. A local chairman of House Party is important.

She is needed to maintain constant publicity concerning the house party; to urge attendance by personal contacts and telephone calls; to handle registrations; and to arrange for transportation.

She will also arrange for a report on the house party to be given to the society members either by those attending from the society itself, or from a nearby church. Such a report should create interest in attendance at next year's house party.

She will act as a Talent Scout for the state chairman of House Party. The local chairman should be watching constantly for women whose talents and abilities are needed for the program of the house party.

Yes, annual reports do show us our accomplishments and our weaknesses. They help us to see where and how we can improve our work. This we want to do. We know that the inspiration, the training, the Christian fellowship offered at House Parties contributed much to the more than 15,000 women who participated in our 1958-1959 state house parties. We know that the many hours spent in preparation for house parties is time well spent, and because of this preparation "Greater works shall ye do."

Workbook Is Important!

One state chairman of House Party wrote on her report that it had meant a great deal to her to receive the workbook from the previous chairman. As an aid it was invaluable to her as she took up her new tasks. Have you a workbook? Are you keeping it up to date?

House Party Promotion

To the Northern California Chairman of House Party we express appreciation for contributing the following suggestions for the promotion of house parties in local and association meetings.

1. Keep materials relating to the house party—such as map of the grounds, name of leaders and missionaries, and advertising material from state workers—and present them at the monthly meetings of the society.

2. Display an attractive poster, giving some of the main features of the house party: such as, dates, speakers, conferences, workshops, and so forth.

3. Take registrations at each monthly meeting.

4. Request those who have attended previous house parties to tell the two things they enjoyed most. Urge them to attend the coming house party.

5. Obtain group participation by distributing slips of paper with a descriptive adjective written on each, for example: glamorous, wonderful, inspiring, thought-provoking, superb, outstanding, and so forth. As each woman reads the word on her paper, have one other woman exclaim "that's the house party!"

6. Offer a full or a half "scholarship" to encourage attendance.

7. Ask women who have been to a house party to write a letter about the house party. Each woman will send her letter to one who has not attended.

8. Have a decorated cake, advertising the house party, as the dessert for your meeting.

9. Aim for at least one new woman from *your* Woman's Baptist Mission Society to attend.

10. Encourage all officers and chairmen to attend.

11. Distribute folders, size 4¼ x 5 before folding, containing information about the house party. Have dates and other details on the inside. On cover have several clocks—alarm, banjo, cuckoo clock—and a caption "It's Party Time!"

12. Use ingenuity in setting up some plan for saving small amounts daily for your expenses to the annual house party. It may be a piggy bank made from wallpaper, the old cracked pitcher, or a glass jar.

Skits

The promotional skits printed in the January, 1959 issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN were received with such enthusiasm and were used so widely that we are reprinting another one. This one comes from **Rhode Island.** We are hoping that other states will submit their promotional and reporting skits for use by others.

At the Close of the Day

[Scene is a room in Peck Hall; time, approximately 9:30 P.M. Properties required: a couch or folding cot to represent a dormitory bed, a table, suitcase, Bible, the Magic Circle *booklet, House Party Program, two chairs, box of cookies. There are three characters: Mabel, an older woman; Sally, a vivacious young woman; and Molly, a business woman. Mabel, wearing pajamas or housecoat, is seated on side of bed. She is putting her hair up in pin curls. Sally and Molly knock loudly on door, open it, walk in.]*

MABEL: Goodness gracious! Aren't you gals ready for bed? Where have you been since the banquet and fellowship hour?

SALLY: We've been all over the dormitory just visiting and having a great time. *[Takes seat near table.]* This is really a beautiful dormitory. I'm so glad we were able to use this new building. *[All agree.]*

MOLLY: *[Sees refreshments on table and helps herself.]* Um! Why didn't someone tell me there's food on this floor? I'll know where to come now, Mabel. *[Munching and continuing to talk.]* Didn't we have a wonderful time at the banquet? Half chicken! Strawberry shortcake! Latin American decorations! And that missionary! Wasn't she terrific?

MABEL: She certainly was. She had such a unique style in her speeches and gave us so much to think about.

SALLY: *[picking up booklet from the table, reads title slowly] The Magic Circle!* Where did you get this, Mabel?

MABEL: At the literature table. It costs only 35 cents. We're thinking of organizing circles in our church. I thought it looked as if it might contain helpful information.

SALLY: I'd like to get one of those, too. Say, wasn't the morning program good? I thought those Walking Workshops about the best instruction for divisions that I have seen. I just wish I had a copy of what each division presented. It would be an excellent guide for us when we come to prepare our year's work. Perhaps there are copies on the literature table.

MABEL: *[reaching for House Party Program on table]* I'm trying to decide which Interest Group to attend tomorrow. They all look so good. Let's see: There is one on planning programs, one on leading devotions, one on using the current missionary materials, one on *[pauses]* . . . Oh, here's the one I should go to, "How to make and use Posters, Invitations, and Favors." That one should give me ideas for pepping up our programs and boosting attendance, too.

MOLLY: I'm going to the one called "Unpopular Mechanics," because I'm president of the Business and Professional Women's Circle in my church, and I do need help in conducting meetings. Do either of you remember when and where we may contact our chairman?

MABEL: *[looking at program]* The program says: "Consultation hour, three to four o'clock, in parlors of Peck Hall." There's a list of each chairman and the room where she will be.

MOLLY: Good! I need to confer with Mrs. ———— my chairman. *[Suddenly looks at watch]* Oh! Guess what? I was supposed to meet Mrs. ———— ten minutes ago to go over our act for the Talent Show. I—er—

SALLY: *[quickly interrupting]* And just what *ACT [emphasizes]* are you and Mrs. ———— going to do?

MOLLY: Well, I used to play the drums in the high school band. I've been practicing a little since, hearing we would have a fun program at House Party. Mrs. ———— is a very good story-teller—*lots of imagination*—so together, we're going to tell a Congo story with sound effects. I'd better hurry on to meet Mrs. ————

SALLY: Now, that will be something!

MABEL: *[referring to program again]* Wait a minute! We've all forgotten something. There's bed-time devotions in just a couple of minutes. Marcia's supposed to be here, too. We'd better get on down to the West Parlor which is assigned to those in our end of the corridor.

SALLY: Who's leading our devotions?

MABEL: Mrs. ———— and I hear she's very good.

MOLLY: Mabel, could we take your Bible? *[Molly and Sally start to leave]*

MABEL: Of course you may. *[Puts on house coat; speaks to audience]* Guess I'm not as sleepy as I thought. House parties are loads of fun! Plan now to attend. Ours opens on ———— and lasts through ————. The place is ————. Your registration must be in by ————. Good night!

Suggestions

→ Use Rhode Island's "At the Close of the Day" in your fall promotion.

→ "A Houseparty Commercial," contributed by the state of Washington, will be printed in the 1960 Winter issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN for use in your continuing promotion.

→ Talk constantly about your state house party. Remind the members of your society that the house party program offers inspiration, information in all areas of our Woman's work, and opportunities for fellowship. Publicize: opening date, closing date, place, and deadline for acceptance of registrations.

To the Chairmen of Literature

From: Jennie Eulette (Mrs. Clayton D. Eulette) *(right)*
Introducing: Hazel Lobley (Mrs. J. Benjamin Lobley) *(left)*
National Chairman of Literature
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Bangor, Maine

Dear Chairmen of Literature,

One and All, Everywhere:

The other day I was watering my azalea plant; that is, I *thought* I was watering it. In order not to disturb the beautiful blossoms, I had carefully inserted a plastic funnel among the stems, and was pouring the water into it. To my surprise, the water did not go down. The end of the funnel was completely clogged with some of the soil. Under these conditions watering could do no good. The lovely blossoms would soon have dropped, and the choice plant would have withered.

Does this call to mind what might happen to our work if one of us should fail to transmit and make available the suggestions and plans sent us by our counterparts? The National Council of American Baptist Women can grow and blossom fully only when every officer and every chairman *feels a personal responsibility* not to clog the "funnel." Please join me in resolving that no failure on our part shall prevent the fullest flowering of our purpose to "unite Baptist women in their devotion to their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ." You who are local chairmen of Literature do not *transmit* these plans, but you *translate* them into action by putting them to work. Then, all along the line, there should go reports of what has been done, so that all chairmen—local, association, state, and national—may know the joy of working together and of accomplishing results.

An Oft-Recurring Question

From time to time the question has been asked: "What is the difference between the task of the chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education and that of the chairman of Literature?" Both of these chairmen promote and encourage the reading of books. Why, then, should there be two chairmen with apparently similar duties?

The explanation is very simple. It has been made on more than one occasion, but there are continually coming into active work in our Woman's Societies those who have not heard it, and who are puzzled by an apparent over-lapping of duties. The chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education promotes the missionary reading and study program, offered by the Board of Education and Publication, through its Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education. These materials are listed in "Friends Through Books." Participation in this program may earn credits, leading to the awarding of certificates. So it is necessary that very accurate records be kept of this specialized work, which has been the concern of American Baptist women throughout the years, and which continues to receive an undiminished emphasis.

The chairman of Literature is responsible for promoting the distribution and use of materials issued by the Societies, Boards, and Agencies of the American Baptist Convention. This literature describes the wide outreach, the many activities, and the objectives of the Convention. Together with certain authorized interdenominational and ecumenical literature, it is listed in "Literature Highlights," which becomes the official document with which the chairman of Literature carries on her work. Although no credits are issued for reading these books and leaflets, the direct result of their promotion is a better informed group of American Baptist women, more active in "attaining the objectives of the American Baptist Convention." A deeper, spiritual result is an increasing personal devotion to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and a more complete commitment to His service, on the part of the women in American Baptist churches.

Literature and Architecture

At one time there was a strong distinction drawn—in architecture—between a functional building and a beautiful building. It was not thought possible that one building could belong in both classifications. Gradually architects have been able to resolve the apparent conflict, and now it is not uncommon to see a beautiful building which at the same time serves perfectly the practical purposes for which it was erected.

So it is with our work as chairmen of Literature. Because it must deal with materials, with the detail of methods, and with practical plans for distribution and presentation, it need not for that reason be unattractive or without distinctiveness. A service the sole purpose of which is to enrich lives, widen the horizons of thought, and inspire to unselfish action, is itself a rich and valuable service. *Never underestimate the high value of what you are doing when you are performing your duties as chairmen of Literature.* Your only concern should be the desire to carry those duties with faithfulness and to the best of your ability, secure in the knowledge that God will then bless your efforts and multiply the results of your work.

A New Look in Postage Stamps

Have you kept track of the many new and beautiful designs we have had recently in postage stamps? There have been historic scenes, war memorials, anniversaries of Statehood, and many others. The stamp with the design of the five Great Lakes interests me especially. Probably no other country in the world has so unique an arrangement of deep-sea waterways; it might even be called one of the world's wonders. But alas, when we think of stamps, we recall our greatly increased postal rates, and the rumors of additional increases to come. It behooves us, as good stewards, to get the highest value from our postage budgets. This makes it very necessary that we take extra care, when ordering materials listed in "Literature Highlights" to send the order to the exact place indicated in the Key to Ordering. A mistake not only doubles our own postage, but also is often a charge upon the office to which the wrong order is sent. Unnecessary delay in receiving the materials ordered is always another unfortunate result.

While we are speaking of postage, I wonder if it is understood that when books or leaflets are ordered, the buyer is expected to pay the postage *unless the money is sent with the order*. This is common practice with all booksellers and publishers. So be sure the exact amount of the purchase price is enclosed with each order, either in check or in postal money order.

When materials are ordered *on consignment*, the procedure is different. On consignments of materials *for specific Baptist meetings*, according to the Director of Merchandising for all of our Baptist Bookstores, shipment charges are prepaid.

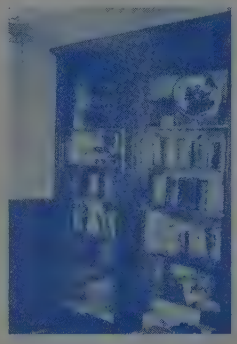
Annual Reports—What! Again!

Before we travel too far from the period of wrestling with annual reports, let me make a suggestion: I strongly recommend an early acquaintance with the annual report blanks. The local society president orders a copy of the Annual Report Book through the Association President. As soon as the books become available and the individual report blanks have been distributed to the officers and chairmen, study your form. If you become familiar with what you are going to be asked to report, you will find it very easy to jot down items or figures from time to time, so that the final filling out of the report will be a much simpler matter. You may have a copy of last year's report in your workbook. If so, a careful study of it will be helpful.

I wonder if you fully realize the value of these reports. Did you ever stand your growing child against the wall and mark his height, to compare it with last year's mark, and have it for comparison with next year's mark? That mark is the annual report of his growth. If it does not seem sufficient, you are concerned, and you consider what should be done about it—whether his diet should be changed, and whether he needs more exercise or perhaps medicine. Just so, the annual reports furnish a check-up on the growth of the National Council of American Baptist Women. A record of insufficient growth is a matter of concern for the best interests of the Kingdom work in which we are engaged. It may indicate the need for a change of methods or new plans to meet a new opportunity. So you see, annual reports are important enough to deserve your careful, conscientious, prompt attention. They are not mere routine.

Impressive Library Dedication

A church library can be a source of enjoyment, education and great spiritual blessing to those of all ages within the church. The women of Peddie Memorial Baptist Church, in Newark, New Jersey, were deeply convinced of the value of a library and they enlisted the cooperation of all departments of the church in establishing one and dedicating it to the Glory of God. The story is a beautiful one of loving memorial gifts, consecrated work with hands and tools, contributions of



A Wall View of the Library

Library Corner View

choice furnishings, together with unfailing enthusiasm and constant prayer for God's guidance. The chairman of Literature and the chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education made the presentation, and the entire congregation participated in the dedication, at the close of a Sunday morning service. Perhaps these pictures will interest others to undertake a similar project.

A New National Chairman of Literature

I salute all of you who have served as chairmen of Literature during all—or a part—of the last four years! Thank you for your cooperation, and for your many personal messages. May God bless each one of you.

It is my great privilege to present to you the new national chairman of Literature: Mrs. J. Benjamin Lobley, 116 Kenduskeag Avenue, Bangor, Maine. Mrs. Lobley, a member of the First Baptist Church of Bangor, since childhood, has served on the Advisory Council, also as Guild Counselor and as president of the Woman's Society, and has taught in the Sunday church school for seventeen years. In the association, Mrs. Lobley has served as president, and in the state Woman's Baptist Mission Society she has served as First Vice-President and as President. Mrs. Lobley is a member of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.

Those of you who know Mrs. Lobley have already felt the warmth of her sincere friendliness. It will be easy to turn to her for help. She has much to give.

To the Vice-Presidents of Missions

From: Harriet Barker (Mrs. Marshall B. Barker) *(right)*

Introducing: Lois Mayes (Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes) *(left)*

National Vice-President of Missions
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Greetings, Vice-Presidents of Missions!

We have a new title for one of the chairmen in our Division of Missions. Because of the confusion through the years in the title "Speakers and Interpreters," (many women, as we well know, could not remember which they were and which was home and which foreign missions) it was voted at the annual meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, last June to change the name to **Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas.** It is now obvious that a Home Mission Interpreter will be interpreting primarily our home mission work, and that an Overseas Mission Interpreter will be speaking primarily about our foreign mission work.

You will want to revise your constitution, changing the name of the chairman of Speakers and Interpreters to the chairman of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas. This change, which it is hoped will simplify and unify our work, has already been made in the constitution for the National Council of American Baptist Women and in the revised suggested constitutions for state, association, and local societies, which are now available at the office of the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, five cents each.

Our Ties in Thailand

The 1959 World Fellowship Offering has as its theme, "Expanding Christian Ties in Thailand." Our Thailand mission was reopened to work by American Baptists in 1952. We now have fourteen missionary families and six single missionaries assigned to this pioneering field. Read about American Baptist work in Thailand in the September issues of *Missions, Crusader, Watchman Examiner, High Call,* and *Young People.*

Some local society Vice-Presidents of Missions have thought that the promotion of this offering is handled in their church by the pastor or the missionary committee or some other group. The question—and an important one—is: "Does the pastor or the committee ever make a presentation of the 'World Fellowship Offering' to your circles or to the Woman's Baptist Mission Society?" Probably not. That is *your* responsibility. In your presentation be sure to make use of the Worship Resources. You should have received a copy. If you have not, your pastor and Sunday church school superintendant have copies, which you may use.

This Could Happen Here

The members of a church (not Baptist) decided they could not participate in a special missionary request because of a heavy local budget and building drive. They thought it was a worthy cause, however, and decided that although they could not make a gift they would offer prayers for its success. Result? A gift larger than the suggested goal they had voted not to accept!

An old record reports that the minister always attended the woman's missionary meeting because, "you never could tell what these women might start praying about." Let us pray about Thailand!

We Could Do More! How?

Have you ever had a meeting of your Division of Missions? During 1958-1959, only 19 per cent of the churches reporting had a division meeting. Go to the telephone at once—before you forget—and call the members of your division, inviting them to a meeting *next week.*

The Division of Missions is the missionary committee of your Woman's Society. You, as vice-president, are the chairman. You should have three other members—the three chairmen in the division of Missions—serving with you. But if your society is very small, you may have only one. If the division is not complete with its three chairmen, ask your president, or the pastor's wife, or some other interested members to meet with you.

What will you do at this meeting?

→ See the suggested agenda in the September, 1958 issue of The American Baptist Woman and the spring, 1959 issue for monthly goals. Read all the Division of Missions' pages in this issue and see what plans are suggested.

→ Plan the World Fellowship Offering presentation to the circles and to the society.

→ Do all members of your society know the names of your Special Interest Missionaries and something about their work? What is your group doing to help them?

→ Can you arrange to invite a Mission Interpreter to your church?

→ Consider ways to stimulate an interest in reading missionary books.

→ Do you all have workbooks in which to file your pages of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN and other helpful material?

Discuss these things and make plans for the fall and winter work in your society.

New Missionaries . . .
Where Will They Come From?

The Department of Personnel of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies reports: "This department is especially aware that the persons they seek for home mission work must come from the churches of the American Baptist Convention. An earnest appeal is made to pastors and parents of young people to:

"1. Recognize that the enlistment of young people for the ministry and for missionary service is one mark of the spiritual quality of the church and a visible sign of its effectiveness.

"2. Assure an annual emphasis on church vocations using the Life Service Sunday materials.

"3. See that the most gifted young people go to summer assemblies and camps where church vocations are interpreted.

"4. Promote 'Timothians' in the Youth Fellowship.

"5. Send information about young people with potential abilities to the Department of Personnel."

For Home Mission Service send names to the Rev. Ernest Witham, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

For Foreign Mission Service send names to the Rev. William Parkinson, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

"Point of Contact"

This playlet, "Point of Contact" requires only three persons. It presents the need for young people to enter Christian vocations and the responsibility of church members to encourage them to choose Christian vocations for their life work. Order "Point of Contact" from Literature Distribution, American Baptist Home Mission Society, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. Price, 10 cents.

Are You a Squirrel?
Do You Save Things?

Do you have a clipping file or a scrapbook for the splendid articles of lasting value which appear in *Missions, Baptist Leader,* and *Crusader?* Watch for stories related to our current mission study themes on "Town and Country" and "Africa."

The "Christian Concerns" map, which was included with the materials for the "America for Christ Offering" last spring, should be used again with fresh pictures on the new theme.

Are You Surprised?

One woman said in a startled way, "This new home mission theme on Town and Country Churches seems to apply to my own church." Of course!

Christ said, "Go into all the world." Many people seem to have the idea that the world is "away out there somewhere." The world begins at our own doorstep and our personal mission may well be in our own church and community.

Be Sure to Read . . .

The Song Goes On. By Claribel Dick. This is a biography of Ioleta Hunt McElhaney, the granddaughter of a Kiowa Indian chief, who is serving with her husband as a missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies in Oklahoma. Price, $3.00.[1]

Coming, Ready or Not. By Chester and Margaret Jump, authors of *Congo Diary.* This new book by these missionaries of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, is most significant in view of all that is now happening in the Congo. Price, $1.25.[1]

May I Present . . .

Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes, of Long Beach, California, who was elected in Des Moines, Iowa, on Woman's Day, as your new national Vice-President of Missions. The information on the ballot reads: "Born in Gallipolos, Ohio. Educated in Denison University, A.B., and graduate work in University of Pittsburgh. Local president of Woman's Society and President of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Southern California. Now serving as Treasurer of Southern California Baptist Convention. Member of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies; National Director of the Speakers Bureau, and former chairman of Program of the National Council of American Baptist Women. Member, American Association of University Women; member of the Board of Y.W.C.A. Member of the First Baptist Church of Long Beach, California. Mother of two children."

I could say many more fine things about Lois Mayes, as we have been special friends for approixmately thirty years, when we used to baby-sit for each other. We now each have three grandchildren and our friendship has ripened even though we live miles apart.

Thank You, Mrs. Barker!

My cordial and friendly greetings to every one of you! As I have already written in your "World Fellowship Offering" letters, I am very grateful for your partnership in the task which has been placed in my hands.

I know that each of you who has served as a Vice-President of Missions is grateful for the contribution Mrs. Marshall Barker has made to the National Council of American Baptist Women, as your leader in carrying this heavy responsibility. We are aware that she has given countless hours of time. We have appreciated her helpful and frequent correspondence, and her creative leadership in ways too numerous to mention.

At our recent convention in Des Moines, our denomination honored her by electing her as second vice-president of the American Baptist Convention—a well-deserved honor. Local, association, and state Vice-Presidents of Missions everywhere join with me in sending to her our love, our gratitude and our sincere congratulations. We shall be thinking of her often, and remembering her in our prayers.

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[1] Order from the nearest American Baptist Bookstore.

To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

From: Leona Mueller (Mrs. Walter F. Mueller)
National Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
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To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

Greetings to all chairmen and a warm welcome to those who have been installed since my last visit through this page of The American Baptist Woman with the chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education. It is our hope that each new chairman, whether local, association or state, will also enjoy her work. As we seek to promote among the women of our great Convention a wider knowledge of, appreciation for, and interest in American Baptist and interdenominational mission work both at home and overseas, we will, without doubt, grow spiritually.

Our Task

Through a program of reading, and through study classes and schools of missions, our plans for the promotion of our mission work will include also the promotion of Christian Stewardship. At house parties, rallies, state or association meetings, or wherever there is opportunity for the promotion of the books and materials prepared for missionary and stewardship education, we should never fail to present these publications in some original way. Let us be sure to put interest, animation and enthusiasm into our presentation! And do not forget to make use of such helps as maps, exhibits, posters, and clippings from newspapers and magazines.

Reports

Reports were received from all state chairmen. Two state reports, however, arrived too late to be included in the national report. Always keep in mind that the state chairman cannot mail her report in time to meet the national deadline *unless* the local report is forwarded to the association chairman in time for her to send her report to the state chairman by the time requested. A break in this chain, at any point, will prevent us from making a complete report of the very fine work being done by chairmen of missionary and stewardship education throughout our American Baptist Convention.

Results

A tabulation of the annual reports shows an increase in the number of study courses held during 1958-1959. Nine hundred and twenty-nine societies reported a total of 766 foreign mission, 769 home mission, and 460 stewardship study courses.

This tabulation also reveals that . . .

→ 1380 societies reported 50 per cent of the women reading one book.
→ 1463 societies reported 10 per cent of the women reading three books.
→ 1122 societies reported 5 per cent of the women reading five books.
→ 1766 societies added at least three new books to their church library.

A total of 90,245 readers were reported; 281,710 missionary books and 22,755 stewardship books were read.

During 1958-1959 the total number of readers increased, but the total number of books read decreased. This indicates that we must work harder during 1959-1960 to increase the number of books read.

Study Books

The purpose of the reading program is to create interest, to increase knowledge, and to stimulate a greater participation in the Baptist World Mission. The study books are written by men and women from their personal knowledge and experience, that we might be better informed and more able to witness intelligently for Christ and his mission.

By this time probably many of the members of your society have read the study books. If, however, your society has not yet purchased the books recommended by the Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education, refer to page 15 of The American Baptist Woman, 1959 spring issue, and to "Friends Through Books" and "Resources for the School of Missions." Don't miss the page on Missionary and Stewardship Education in *Missions* each month.

Reading Record

Local chairmen who are having trouble keeping an accurate record of the number of books read by the members of their societies will find that their association and state counterparts can give them helpful suggestions. A chart to help the circle or the society chairman to keep such a record more accurately is being prepared. A copy of this chart is being sent to each state chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education. It is hoped that she will have copies made for the local chairmen in her state.

Remember: *Missions* and *Crusader* each count as one book for each issue read by each woman. For

example, if a member of your society reads ten issues of *Missions*, she receives credit for having read ten books. Please note that *Missions* and *Crusader* are the magazines listed in the 1959-1960 edition of "Friends Through Books," page three. *A Book of Remembrance*, which is issued annually, is counted as one book. Therefore, each member who reads *A Book of Remembrance* receives credit for having read one book.

Conferences

There are many excellent conferences and workshops on Missionary and Stewardship Education held in various parts of the country throughout the year. Attendance at these area conferences and workshops, in addition to those at our state house parties and at Green Lake conferences, will increase our understanding of the meaning and purpose of missionary and stewardship education.

The Song Goes On

Claribel F. Dick is the author of *The Song Goes On.* This book, which is recommended for reading on the home mission theme, is the true story of Ioleta Hunt McElhaney. Ioleta, which means "humming bird" is an American Baptist missionary to Indian-Americans in Geary, Oklahoma. Don't miss reading this inspiring true story. Price, $3.00.[1]

We Meet a Poet

Ralph W. Seager is an American Baptist poet. Perhaps you have read some of his poems in *Good Housekeeping, Saturday Evening Post,* and other popular magazines. Mr. Seager, of Penn Yan, New York, writes about the simple things of life: a boy's wonder and delight at the variant moods of nature, the countryside in each of the four seasons, love, friendship, faith, and beauty. Mr. Seager's two small volumes of poetry, *Songs from a Willow Whistle* and *Beyond the Green Gate,* may be ordered from Wake-Brook House, Sanbornville, New Hampshire. Price, $2.50 each.

Books Can Be Fun

A refreshing and delightful little book of cartoons by Charles M. Schulz, the creator of *Peanuts,* is entitled *Young Pillars.* Mr. Schulz is an active Christian layman. His editor writes, "We believe these cartoons speak to youth and older readers on behalf of a well-rounded Christian philosophy of life." Mr. Schulz has prepared these cartoons with a sense of stewardship and as a contribution to the life of the church. The book is published by Warner Press, Anderson, Indiana. Price, $1.00.

Our Fair Lady

In a dramatic production, entitled "Our Fair Lady," written by Mrs. Stacy Randle, national chairman of Family Life, and presented by the officers and chairmen of the National Council of American Baptist Women at the National Women's Conference, at Green Lake, July, 1959, questions asked from the audience were answered by the national counterpart of the officer or chairman asking the question. Perhaps many chairmen of missionary and stewardship education have asked—or have been asked—the questions directed to your national chairman.

Questions: Why do you no longer give credit for Bible reading? Why do you not ask for a report on the periodicals read; for example, *Missions, The Secret Place, Baptist Leader, Crusader,* and so forth.

Answer: Your first question was: "Why do we no longer give credit for Bible reading?" We realize, of course, that the reason for giving credit for reading is to encourage the person to do more reading. Certainly we believe that everyone should read the Bible daily, and we hope that everyone will also follow the Bible Book-of-the-Month plan. However, we believe, as we are sure you do, that reading the Bible is a privilege and a Christian's duty. We are admonished by Christ, himself, to search the Scriptures daily. Therefore as Christian women we read our Bible without expecting credit, such as we receive for reading the study books. If we keep a record of our Bible reading, one personal and one for the circle or society, a check would reveal whether or not we are doing as much Bible reading as we could or should.

The second question was: "Why do we not ask for a report on the reading of periodicals such as: *Missions, Crusader, Secret Place, Baptist Leader,* and so forth?" The periodicals which are predominately missionary—that means *Missions* and *Crusader*—are reported as *one book for each issue read by each member* of the Woman's Society. The other magazines are a part of the report of the chairman of Literature. She includes in her annual report the number of women who during the year became readers of these magazines for the *first* time; that is *new readers.*

The continual reading of these excellent Baptist periodicals, whether credit is given or not, is important. Unless we read we will not be informed and unless we are informed we are not apt to be concerned. Without concern for others and their need of Christ's redeeming love, the cause of missions will not be served either at home or around the world.

Stewardship

According to the annual reports 1117 societies promoted tithing among the women during 1958-1959. Was your society included in that number? If not, wouldn't this month be a good time to begin your promotion? "Christian Stewardship," according to the new manual 'Stewardship Education in a Baptist Church,'[2] "is a concept about the management of life's assets and means a way-of-living. If there is to be a deeply consecrated membership in a church there must be those who understand the meaning of stewardship and who also are giving a witness to it with enthusiasm and with humility."

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[1] Order from your nearest American Baptist Bookstore.

[2] Your pastor or chairman of Christian Education probably has a copy of the manual; otherwise contact your state office.

To the Chairmen of Mission Interpreters — Home and Overseas

From: Pauline Maul (Mrs. Paul T. Maul)
National Chairman of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 2 Oak Lane, Anderson, Indiana

Dear Chairmen of Mission Interpreters:

Chairmen, behold your new title! Our full title is: Chairman of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas. The women who speak about the program of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies are to be known as **Home Mission Interpreters.** Those who speak about the work of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies are to be known as **Overseas Mission Interpreters.** It follows, then, that each chairman's title is: **Chairman of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas.**

There are several reasons for this change. First, we hope to eliminate the confusion which has existed by the use of the terms Speakers and Interpreters. Since the Speaker's Bureau is a part of the Division of Support and Interpretation of the Home Missions Board, the use of the term Interpreter is a logical one. Also, since the most important phase of the work is to interpret to the churches the program of the mission societies, again the name Interpreter seems logical.

The distinguishing words, therefore, to be used with the name Interpreter are: Home and Overseas.

This change in title has already been made by the National Council of American Baptist Women. It is hoped that, as rapidly as possible, the states, associations, and local churches will also make this change.

Questions and Answers

The following questions were asked at a state House Party conference for the Division of Missions:

→ 1. Who should have the complete list of Mission Interpreters?

Answer: The state chairman of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas compiles a list from the names sent to her by her state's association chairmen. She sends her list of Home Mission Interpreters to Home Mission Interpreters, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. Her list of the Overseas Mission Interpreters is sent to Overseas Mission Interpreters, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

→ 2. Does the national Chairman of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas have a complete list of the Mission Interpreters?

Answer: No! Usually the national chairman corresponds only with the state chairmen. Association and local chairmen are corresponded with on occasion; that is, when they write for information or advice. Since the national chairman does not send material to the Mission Interpreters, it is not necessary for her to have a list of their names and addresses.

→ 3. How do Mission Interpreters get material?

Answer: Three times a year packets are sent to the Mission Interpreters from the mission offices in New York: from the home mission offices to the Home Mission Interpreters, and from the foreign mission offices to the Overseas Mission Interpreters. These packets contain various up-to-date features about missions. Letters from the missionaries are a part of each packet.

→ 4. Is other material available?

Answer: Yes, there is considerable material available: *Missions* magazine, *A Book of Remembrance, Home Mission Digest,* study books, leaflets published by the mission boards, newspapers, popular magazines, books listed in "Friends Through Books," and so forth. In fact, there is always more material available, both interesting and educational, than can possibly be used.

→ 5. Should the topics for speeches always be from the mission study themes?

Answer: Definitely not! One or two in each association should speak about the mission study themes to take care of those groups which want an outside speaker for these topics. Other Mission Interpreters should select other mission fields and areas of work. Some churches make such a thorough study of the mission study themes that when they invite an outside speaker they do so to hear about other fields. It is best to provide a variety of topics.

→ 6. Must a Mission Interpreter have only one topic?

Answer: If a Mission Interpreter, either Home or Overseas, is especially well informed and a very good speaker, she may be quite capable of speaking on more than one subject. We know of several who speak well on both Home and Overseas work. It would depend on the ability of the Mission Interpreter and on her opportunities for speaking.

→ 7. How many years should each Mission Interpreter serve?

Answer: A definite answer to this question cannot be given. In each association it is desirable to have *some* new people becoming Mission Interpreters each year. Some chairmen and some Mission Interpreters feel that two to four years is the limit for effectiveness of most

Mission Interpreters. But if there is a Mission Interpreter in an association who is a good speaker, who keeps up-to-date information, who is often invited to speak, who would want to limit her years of service?

→ 8. How may a chairman secure the packets of material sent by the mission offices to the Mission Interpreters?

Answer: A chairman who wishes to receive the packets of material should include her name in the list of the Mission Interpreters which she sends to the offices of the home mission societies and of the foreign mission societies. Receipt of the material packets makes it possible for the chairman to become informed and will provide her with material for promotional uses.

→ 9. What about expenses, and what about gifts?

Answer: Our plan has always been to encourage churches to pay travel expenses and any other normal expense incurred in filling an engagement. This seems only fair to both the church and to the speaker. Sometimes organizations want to add a gift. Paying the expense is expected, but the gift is a voluntary expression of appreciation. Gifts are not encouraged and are not expected. But when a gift is offered it would be ungracious to refuse it. If a Mission Interpreter does not want to keep the expense money, she may place it in the Love Gift offering or donate it to some other good cause. Care should be exercised that no embarrassment is caused by our attitude or behavior concerning expense money or gifts.

→ 10. How can chairmen help to get speaking engagements for the Mission Interpreters?

Answer: The association chairman, having first been careful to enlist women who speak well and who will also come well prepared, will promote their use at association meetings at every opportunity. She will provide all her local chairmen with all pertinent information about each of these Mission Interpreters, including her topic, or topics.

The local chairman, having this information, can be quick to suggest to the pastor, the Youth directors, the chairman of Program of the Woman's Society, and to the officers of the men's organizations, that the Mission Interpreters be asked to speak. She will be able to suggest which Mission Interpreter would fit each occasion.

The state chairman will promote the Mission Interpreters through the State Conventions and house parties. She will send a list to the state executive secretaries and directors of promotion. Names of the Mission Interpreters will be listed in the state paper so that pastors will be informed.

→ 11. May a Mission Interpreter give a book review?

Answer: Yes, if the book is about either the Home or Overseas mission program of the American Baptist Convention. A mission book listed in "Friends Through Books" could be used.

→ 12. Why are the Mission Interpreters listed with the home and foreign mission offices? Why aren't they listed with the National Council of American Baptist Women?

Answer: The League of Interpreters was organized by the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society twenty-two years ago. The Speaker's Bureau was organized twenty years ago by the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society. Through the years the work of the Speakers and the Interpreters has been promoted, organized, and developed by the mission societies and staff. The story of missions is the primary purpose so it is logical that contact with Speakers and Interpreters has always been through the offices of the mission societies.

When the National Council of American Baptist Women was organized, in 1951, it assumed certain responsibilities in this area of work. Through the chairmen it promotes the work by securing invitations to speak, through training at house parties and other occasions. Through state and association chairmen personnel is enlisted and the names are sent to the mission offices.

→ 13. Should the Mission Interpreter have a worship service prepared?

Answer: For each engagement the Mission Interpreter should ascertain all details regarding time, place, kind of group, name of person responsible, directions to the meeting place and what, if anything, might be expected of her in addition to her speech. In some cases she will need to be prepared to have anything from a brief devotional period to a complete worship service! But there is no need for the Mission Interpreter to be taken by surprise in such cases. Make sure in advance what the responsibilities are.

→ 14. I would like to be a Mission Interpreter. How shall I proceed?

Answer: First, ask yourself these questions:
Do I have a great interest in missions?
Am I willing to study and to prepare thoroughly?
Have I had some speaking experience or am I willing to study the techniques of public speaking?

If you can answer "yes" to these questions, then tell your local president that you would like to volunteer for this service. Your chairman or president can recommend you to the association chairman of Mission Interpreters. Usually the association chairmen are happy to learn of anyone who is willing to serve as a Mission Interpreter.

These questions were asked at a conference for the Division of Missions at a state House Party. Perhaps you have been asked several or all of these same questions. Perhaps you have other questions you would like to have answered. If so, please send them to me at my home address: 2 Oak Lane, Anderson, Indiana.

"Greater Works Shall Ye Do"

Throughout this program year, 1959-1960, we shall hear frequently the words: "Greater Works Shall Ye Do." Some will hear only the promise but will not be ready for the necessary consecration. As chairmen in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, we should be interested in the total program of the society. To meet our responsibility we must be informed. It takes time to read carefully such publications as THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, *Missions, Crusader,* books on the home and foreign missions themes, but it is time well spent.

We must discipline ouselves to steadfast obedience, to daily communion with Him, to a definite plan of witness. Only then can we expect to do "greater works."

To the Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries

From: June Gates (Mrs. Elbert E. Gates, Jr.)
National Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 630 Glen Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey

Greetings to you!

Let's talk first about the American Baptist Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. For many of us the high spot in any American Baptist Convention is the service of dedication for the newly commissioned missionaries.

This year the convention took very special notice of the retired missionaries who were there. Sitting in a group, each retired missionary stood as his or her name was called. The number of years of service of each missionary was announced. The years were then totaled. The total amounted to 1056 years of service rendered by these valiant servants of the cross. The years of service varied for the individual missionary of course. Some were few, while others were for forty years, even more!

The audience then had the opportunity to pay tribute to the active missionaries who were at the Convention. Each missionary walked across the platform into the spotlight while his name, his field of service, and the number of years of service were announced. Again the years were totaled. This total of years of service by active missionaries reached 1163. Once again there was enthusiastic applause.

Then followed the presentation and the dedication of the new missionaries. This service is always deeply moving to those who see these young people dedicating their youth—their lives—to the world mission enterprise both at home and overseas.

This year, however, there was a note of concern in the evening. At this time when the need is so great there seemed to be so few new missionaries. There were only 36. Let all members of the division of Missions, let all women in local societies, and all members of an American Baptist church, do all we can to interest the young people in this service, the highest calling of all.

Division Luncheon

At the luncheon meeting of the division of Missions, two missionaries were asked: "What can we do that will be especially helpful to our Special Interest missionaries?" These missionaries immediately named items for use in their work. We, of course, appreciated these suggestions but, at this time, what we really wanted were suggestions for items for personal use.

Help was given to us when one of the missionaries who is working at a Christian center told us that she appreciates more than anything else receiving subscriptions to magazines. The salary of a missionary does not make possible subscriptions to such magazines as *The National Geographic* or *Holiday* or other such magazines that she desires to read herself and which she wants to take to the Center where all may enjoy them.

Our missionary from Hong Kong gave us additional help by suggesting that we send her the mission study books, The American Baptist Woman, the *Leader's Guide* and other publications and materials which are helpful to us in our Woman's work.

It was good to have these desires made known to us by a home and an overseas missionary. These suggestions come to us first hand.

Important

Always remember to write to the missionary and to ask for suggestions before sending a gift, to be sure that it will be acceptable. Here are just two of many instances that will help us to be thoughtful in our giving.

When Mrs. Marlin Farnum, wife of Dr. Marlin Farnum, administrative secretary for Bengal-Orissa, Assam, and South India, for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, was in India, visiting one of our missionary families, the mother of the family was sick in bed. One afternoon her husband came to her bedside and said, "There is a package being held for you. The duty is 36 rupees (approximately four dollars)." The mother replied, "We had better just leave it there. We cannot afford it." Then, after a moment's hesitation, she said, "Oh, that would not be right. Some of the women back home have done this for me. We certainly do not want to hurt their feelings. We must pay the duty. We will manage it somehow." The tragic part of the story is that the mother could not use one article in the package! Her comment was, "If someone had only sent me one useable article, the payment of the duty would have been justified." Let us be sure to communicate with our missionaries regarding their needs. Surprises are too costly!

The other story takes place in Assam. One of our single missionaries opened a birthday card from a Woman's Baptist Mission Society in America. A ten-dollar bill was enclosed! To most of us that would seem like a very wonderful and generous gift but to this missionary it was nearly a catastrophe. There was absolutely no way that she could spend that money or even exchange it in Assam. In fact, even the possession of unauthorized foreign currency is illegal.

Remember . . .

Please send all personal money gifts for our overseas

missionaries to the treasurer of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Mark it as a *personal gift* to the missionary and the field. It will be sent direct to her in accordance with the currency regulations of the country. There is no charge for this service. The missionary receives the full amount.

A Request

Our missionaries will appreciate it greatly if we will be more careful about giving our return address and being sure that it is complete. Sometimes only the name of the church is given. Often the missionary wonders whether the sender is Miss or Mrs. At times the missionaries cannot decipher the writing. Let us be careful about giving all of these details in legible handwriting.

We all like to hear that the package has arrived. The missionaries are always so appreciative that they want to say, "Thank you."

What Do You Need?

We all realize by this time, no doubt, the importance of finding out what items our missionaries need *before* sending gifts. You and your society may wish to duplicate the very helpful questionnaire sent by the members of the Seattle Association Woman's Baptist Mission Society to its Specials. The form reads:

Please indicate which of the items listed below would be acceptable to you, giving sizes where such information is needed. Make as many additional suggestions as you wish.

School Supplies (any specific supplies desired)

Flannelgraphs	Stationery
Pictures	Stamped Envelopes
Books	Party Supplies
Sunday School Papers	Old magazines
Sewing Supplies	Magazine subscriptions (which)
Old Greeting Cards	Film (State size)
New Greeting Cards	Other suggestions

Personal:

Hose (Size ——)	Slippers (Size ——)
Blouses (Size ——)	Costume Jewelry
Sweaters (Size ——)	Books (state which)
Slips (Size ——)	Other suggestions
Gloves (Size ——)	

Items that might be made by circles:

Quilts	Home-made cookies and candy
Layettes	
Children's Clothing	Pillow cases, lunch cloths,
Remnants	Table mats, tea towels
Aprons	Other suggestions

Miscellaneous:

Cake Mixes	Pins, needles, etc.
Pudding Mixes, Jello	Party supplies (balloons)
Packaged Dry Yeast	Other suggestions

Children:

Age(s) —— Size(s) —— Special Desires ——

Resolution—Missionary Concern

At the afternoon session of the final day of the American Baptist Convention in Des Moines, a resolution of especial interest to chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries was passed. It was Resolution No. 2, under Section II Denominational Affairs. This resolution entitled "Missionary Concern" follows:

"Because of false ideologies in the world today which contradict and deny the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and because our World Mission vision is that which gives life to our denomination, and because of the army of consecrated men and women who represent our Faith on the Frontiers of our witness . . .

"We recommend that our American Baptist Convention churches seek to strengthen their missionary zeal by personalizing Missions, i.e.

"a. Select several missionaries on different fields and present them periodically in the church bulletins and other communications;

"b. Pray for them by name;

"c. Make a special study of their fields of service at Home and Overseas."

Is not every word of that very familiar to all chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries; in fact, to all members of our division of Missions?

Personalizing Missions has been one of the emphases (goals) of this division for a number of years. Have we not been trying to do that which is suggested in the Resolution? But are we doing our job so well that the denomination as a whole feels the impact?

We would wish that were true, but we, unfortunately, have cause to wonder when we recall that our national annual report indicated that there are many churches where a program of activity for Special Interest Missionaries is not being followed.

Study the following . . .

→ Societies reporting totalled 4533.

→ Of these only 2570 have chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries.

→ Only 1897 chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries informed their pastors about their Specials. This is serious! Let every chairman of Special Interest Missionaries resolve *now* to bring immediately to the attention of her pastor and the church the Specials assigned to her society. If a society does not have a chairman of Special Interest Missionaries, then the Vice-President of Missions, who is carrying the work of this chairmanship, should resolve *now* to follow through on this important matter. Let each chairman of Special Interest Missionaries, or Vice-President of Missions, make a complete annual report of her activities. Then we shall know what was done by the women of our Convention.

Important

After selecting the gifts your missionaries need, wrap and address packages carefully. Inquire about postal regulations to the country. Request the missionary to let you know the amount of duty she had to pay. You can then repay her by sending a check to the Treasurer, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Service

From: Ruth McKinney (Mrs. Wade McKinney)
National Vice-President of Christian Service
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 3410 East 137th Street, Cleveland 20, Ohio

Dear Counterparts:

Autumn is here and with it comes the challenge of another year's work and the desire to put into use the information gained at state house parties and at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Our division's field of service is so broad, and the needs within those fields are so great that we should have no idle moments, and our prayer should be for God's constant guidance.

Welcome!

Three welcomes, in fact! Our division has three new national chairmen, fine, capable, and dedicated women with whom you will greatly enjoy working.

Mrs. George Darling, of Marion, Ohio, is chairman of Love Gift.

Mrs. Dwight M. Bahr, of Waukesha, Wisconsin, is chairman of White Cross.

Mrs. Carl W. Tiller, of Cheverly, Maryland, is chairman of Christian Social Relations.

State Vice-Presidents of Christian Service will be hearing shortly from these new national chairmen, as each one sends me copies of her mimeographed letters to her state counterparts, that I may send them to state Vice-Presidents of Christian Service.

Love Gift

Our Love Gift quota for 1959 is five hundred and fifty thousand dollars! The monthly opening of Love Gift boxes and the monthly reports in every Woman's Baptist Mission Society will help us to reach—indeed, surpass—this quota of $550,000. Keep in touch with your chairman of Love Gift to be sure that she is planning for monthly openings and monthly reporting.

White Cross

The needs are great! White Cross quotas must be large to meet these needs. The cost of mailing packages is high. Ways of giving the greatest service most economically are being studied. Keep informed by your chairman of White Cross regarding new approaches to the solution of these problems. Ask your chairman about "bulk buying," and so forth. Adjustments may have to be made in several areas of the work. Be alert to possible changes; be ready to meet them.

Christian Social Relations

The Leadership Training technique for 1959-1960 is "Group Conversation." The emphasis "Know Your Neighbor" is related to our divison of Christian Service through our chairman of Christian Social Relations. Special training sessions in the technique of "Group Conversation" are being held in each state for the following officers and chairmen who are responsible for the success of the 1959-1960 leadership training emphasis: President, Vice-President of Christian Training, Chairman of Leadership Training, Vice-President of Christian Service, and Chairman of Christian Social Relations. Do not fail to attend the training session scheduled for you. The technique is unusual; it is effective.

If we would bring people into our churches and organizations; if we would live in harmony with our neighbors, especially when populations are shifting so rapidly within the communities; if we would serve adequately those who need our help, we must know and understand the people with whom we work. Group Conversation offers the opportunity to "Know Your Neighbor" in a shorter time than ordinary circumstances would permit.

Listen and watch for the announcement of the training session to which you and your chairman of Christian Social Relations should go. Give your hearty support to this year's leadership training emphasis.

Remember! Giving help and encouragement to the chairmen in a division is an important part of the responsibility of the Vice-President of a division.

Foreign Students

Are the members of your society inviting students from other lands to their homes for Thanksgiving and Christmas or for other occasions? Such hospitality extended to foreign students will contribute to developing and increasing good relationships between countries. Such hospitality may help toward creating world peace, if in our homes these young people who may well become leaders in their countries have seen not only western civilization but Christianity in action.

Are the members of your society inviting these students from other lands to church service? A young woman, a former student in our country and now a leader in her country, recently said that "seven hundred foreign students in an eastern university had observed that they were invited to homes but never to churches." If a student's religion prohibits his attendance at your church, let him make the decision, but do extend an invitation. This is our great opportunity to offer Christ to all the world—even here on our own shores. This we

may do all through the year, not only during the holiday seasons, but throughout the twelve months in the year.

The Guild of Intercessors

We kept our promise! The Packet for the Guild of Intercessors was ready for the Division of Christian Service luncheon held on Woman's Day in Des Moines, Iowa, June 4, 1959. The packet went on sale in the Convention booth of the National Council of American Baptist Women immediately following the luncheon!

The Packet for the Guild of Intercessors contains ten printed folders, explaining the meaning of this service to, and by our shut-ins, and also ten certificates. The Vice-President of Christian Service is the one who presents these folders to the members of the church who are unable to leave their homes. If these shut-ins desire to become supporters, through their prayers, of the work of the Woman's Society and of the church, locally and throughout the world, they are presented with a certificate of enrollment in the Guild of Intercessors.

The Guild Of Intercessors

The Division Of Christian Service
of
The National Council Of American Baptist Women

This Is To Certify That

_____

is a member of _____ Baptist Church
in _____ and is in active
service as a member of the Guild Of Intercessors.

"Pray Without Ceasing"
"The effectual fervent prayer of
a righteous man availeth much"

Packets containing ten each of the folders and certificates may be purchased from your nearest American Baptist Bookstore.[1] The price of a packet of ten leaflets and ten certificates is fifty cents, making the price of the gift of a leaflet and certificate to members of the Guild five cents.

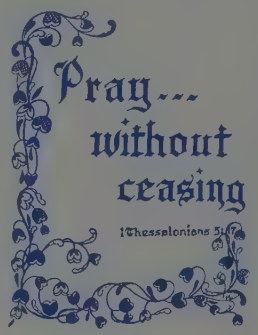
Let us hope that by the close of the year 1959-1960 we will have a Guild of Intercessors in every American Baptist church. To talk with God in behalf of someone else, to "intercede" for the cause of missions, or world peace, or the evangelistic movement of our church or Convention is a privilege we all cherish. Those who are confined to the space within their homes will welcome the opportunity to be active—through their prayers—in the program of the Woman's Society and the church.

Make the most of this opportunity to enlist as members in the Guild of Intercessors this large number of people across our Convention, who are eager to serve in whatever way is possible. Work with your chairman of the sick, if you have one, or through the circles, or in any other way you may desire. Help your shut-ins to realize more fully the opportunity that is theirs to use this greatest of powers, the power of prayer, for the advancement of Christ's kingdom here on earth.

[1] Order from your nearest American Baptist Bookstore: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California.

Our Appreciation, Mrs. Jepson

The beautiful folder and certificate for the Guild of Intercessors were designed by Mrs. Fred Jepson, chairman of Program in the Connecticut Woman's Baptist Mission Society. Mrs. Jepson was also the artist for *The Magic Circle*, which is available at Baptist Bookstores.[1]



We express our appreciation to Mrs. Jepson for the artistic beauty she has given to the leaflet and certificate, and to Mrs. Howard D. Jameson, former Vice-President of Christian Service in Connecticut Woman's Baptist Mission Society, who interested Mrs. Jepson in this leaflet and certificate for the Guild of Intercessors.

Overseas Relief

In our list of emphases for 1959-1960, the sixth was: "Send one or more shipments of clothing—and at least one food donation—for Overseas Relief through Church World Service." It is vitally important to human life that we heed and respond to this demand. Continue your activity to exceed the individual goal of your society or start at once to reach it.

Be sure the clothing sent is good, clean, and has buttons and zippers intact. If some donors cannot sew sufficiently to do the slight mending necessary to put the garment in shape, or do not have the time, appeal to members in the society who do have ability and time to give of their talents. Work with a committee on this project, and plan to have a day or two at the church, getting items ready for the packing.

Annual reports for 1958-1959 indicated that the number of packages of goods sent abroad during the year increased many times. Remember that food sent through S.O.S. goes in larger quantities for the dollar than by any other way. The Young People of your church may have this as their special project. If so, do all you can to help them. If not, encourage them to begin it or work through your Woman's Society.

Why then . . .?

Are not all of us who work in a Woman's Society doing Christian Service? Why then is there a special division bearing the name of Christian Service? These questions were asked at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Indeed all of us are in some aspect of Christian Service. This division bears the name Christian Service because it works through very definite areas which involve the dedication of the whole person—the heart, the hands, the life—through Love Gifts, White Cross, and Christian Social Relations.

To the Chairmen of the Love Gift

From: Ruth Wager (Mrs. Lester P. Wager) *(right)*
Introducing: Margaret Darling (Mrs. G. R. Darling) *(left)*
National Chairman of the Love Gift
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 448 Uncapher Avenue, Marion, Ohio

A Love Gift Box in Your Hand

Dedication Service

Theme: "Greater Works Shall Ye Do"

What is that in your hands? Is it a Love Gift box sacrificially filled with your gifts of thankfulness and love for God? If so, your hands may be accomplishing greater works in the name of Christ in a thousand places all around the world.

Your hands may be baptizing a youth in the Kwilu River in Vanga, Belgian Congo, bringing him up out of the water to a new life in Christ. Or they may be pointing the way to the Savior of mankind as you preach to a congregation of eager listeners in Japan. Your hand may be giving a Bible in his native tongue to a man in Mexico so that he may read it for the first time. You may be holding a picture of "Christ and the Children" before a group of underprivileged youngsters in a Christian center in America.

Your hands may be performing a delicate operation on a girl in our Baptist hospital in Nellore, South India, or binding up the wounds of a boy in Nicaragua, with the healing touch of Christ's love. Your fingers may be writing the characters for the name "Jesus" for an illiterate woman in Thailand to read. Your hands may be offering a bowl of rice to a starving refugee child in Hong Kong. Your hands may hold a book on the life of Christ as you teach a student in our Central Philippine University or in our Mather School in South Carolina.

Stretch forth your hands. How far can they reach? Less than a yard if they are empty. But if your hands hold a Love Gift to offer to God, then they can reach around the world, taking the love of Christ to thousands of his children who do not know him.

"Greater works than these will ye do" if you offer greater gifts of love. When we place our sacrificial gifts in the hands of God they will accomplish great things.

Offering of the Love Gift: Hymn, "Take My Life."

Prayer: Our Father, accept these Love Gifts from our hands and hearts. We would place them in thy hands. Use them to accomplish the greater works which thou hast promised we might do if we truly believe in thee and love thee. Bless these gifts as they proclaim thy message of truth and light to the world. Amen.

National Love Gift Offering

January 1—December 31, 1958

State	*Love Gift*
Arizona	$3,596.02
California, Northern	20,298.28**
California, Southern	78,063.70***
Colorado	10,292.35
Connecticut	6,483.73
Delaware	1,726.57*
District of Columbia	12,389.67*
Idaho	2,915.19***
Illinois	32,315.42***
Indiana	26,993.05
Iowa	18,278.88***
Kansas	34,872.58***
Maine	11,202.93**
Massachusetts	19,471.08***
Michigan	18,134.07
Minnesota	8,003.71***
Missouri	1,379.62
Montana	2,752.16**
Nebraska	8,371.08***
Nevada	1,830.92**
New Hampshire	2,471.20***
New Jersey	15,687.74***
New York	33,633.81
North Dakota	2,101.54
Ohio	37,245.02***
Oklahoma	86.34
Oregon	4,540.34*
Pennsylvania	46,681.95***
Rhode Island	7,104.60**
South Dakota	3,792.09***
Utah	1,655.11***
Vermont	1,598.93
Washington	14,771.56***
West Virginia	44,386.04**
Wisconsin	6,822.17***
Wyoming	2,553.73
Woman's Day Offering	964.36
National Missions Conference	124.38
Total National Love Gift	**$545,591.92**

*States with an increase over their 1957 gift.
**States exceeding goals.
***States exceeding goals, also increase over 1957 gift.

A Service

For the Distribution of New Love Gift Boxes

Scripture: "Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly nor under compulsion, for God loves the man whose heart is in his gift. After all, God can give you everything that you need, so that you may always have sufficient both for yourselves and for giving to other people. . . .

"The more you are enriched by God the more scope will there be for generous giving, and your gifts, administered through us, will mean that many will thank God. For your giving does not end in meeting the wants of your fellow-Christians. It also results in an overflowing tide of thanksgiving to God.

"Moreover, your very giving proves the reality of your faith, and that means that men thank God that you practise the gospel that you profess to believe in, as well as for the actual gifts you make to them and to others. And yet further, men will pray for you and feel drawn to you because you have obviously received a generous measure of the grace of God.

"Thank God, then, for His indescribable generosity to you!" II Cor. 9:7-15 (Phillips' Translation).[1]

Distribution of Love Gift Boxes: Hymn, "Saviour! Thy Dying Love."

LEADER: We place this Love Gift box within your hands
Empty, for you to fill . . .
To fill with love for every child of God,
To fill with concern for those
Who do not know the Christ,
To fill with gifts—the tangible expression
Of your gratitude and love,
That others, too, may come to know
The One who is the Saviour of the World.

GROUP: (in unison)
I take this Love Gift box within my hand
Empty, for me to fill . . .
To fill with my love for every child of God
To fill with my concern for those
Who do not know the Christ,
To fill with gifts—the tangible expression
Of my gratitude and love,
That others, too, may come to know
My Saviour, who is Lord of all mankind.

LEADER: If God gave to you only as much as you give to God, how much would you have? If we truly love him we will thank him for his countless blessings to us by offering sacrificial gifts. As we multiply our gifts, we multiply our accomplishments for his kingdom.

Love and give—this is the way to truly live,
The more we love, the more we give.

Prayer: Our Father, God of infinite love, grant that we may love thee so deeply that we will consecrate all that we are and all that we have to thy service. May thy blessing be upon us as we shall place our gifts of love daily in these Love Gift boxes to send the message of thy love to others. Thus may we be bound by ties of love, prayer and offerings to all of thy children around the world. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

[1] Quoted from *Letters to Young Churches*, by J. B. Phillips. Macmillan Company, New York. $2.75. Quoted with permission of the publisher.

"The Greatest of These"

A new Love Gift play, "The Greatest of These," by Mrs. Egbert Fountain, Curtain Time Series No. 6, is now available at all Baptist bookstores.[2]

Four guests from our mission fields relate dramatic stories of the accomplishments of our Love Gifts in their countries. A clear explanation is made of the purpose of, and the need for the Love Gift. Information regarding the history of the Love Gift is also included.

Order "The Greatest of These," Curtain Time Series, No. 6, from your nearest Baptist Bookstore.[2] Price, 25 cents.

"God's Gift of Love"

A new free leaflet entitled, "God's Gift of Love," will be distributed during October and November to all local chairmen of the Love Gift. This leaflet may also be obtained at the state convention offices.

Through attractive sketches we are challenged to consider God's gifts of love to us and to make the measure of our gifts to him more adequate.

A Message of Appreciation

It has been a great privilege to serve as your national chairman for four years. To each chairman of the Love Gift—local, association, and state—I say "thank you" from my heart for your warm friendliness and the fine spirit of cooperation which you have given me. It has been a deeply satisfying and a spiritual experience to be your co-worker. We have felt a sense of kinship and a oneness of purpose through the special bond between us in the service of Christ. May our love for him and the work of his kingdom increase and thus may we go forward to greater gifts of love and greater works.

May God bless you as you continue to serve Him.

Mrs. George R. Darling

It is a great pleasure to introduce to you the new national chairman of the Love Gift: Mrs. George R. Darling. Mrs. Darling has served as a state, association, and local chairman of the Love Gift, as well as chairman of Leadership Training. She has been president of her local society and of her association.

Mrs. Darling brings to her chairmanship eager enthusiasm and exceptional ability. In her greetings to us all she says: "As I assume this new and large responsibility, it is with a sincere and fervent prayer that I may be strengthened from God's boundless resources, so that, in turn, each of the 6,000 local, 400 association, and 35 state chairmen of Love Gift will find themselves inspired to "Greater Works" for him who so richly and abundantly blesses us day by day.

[2] Baptist bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California.

To the Chairmen of White Cross

From: PAULINE BROWNELL (Mrs. A. T. Brownell) *(right)*
Introducing: DOROTHY BAHR (Mrs. Dwight M. Bahr) *(left)*
National Chairman of White Cross
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 611 North Grand Avenue,
Waukesha, Wisconsin

Greetings to all Chairmen of White Cross and Farewell!

This is my last time to write to you through these pages in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. With the beloved Paul, I would say: "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in the knowledge and *in* all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:9-11).

"With Our Hands"

Have you seen the new filmstrip, "With Our Hands"? Two White Cross boxes are prepared and sent on their way by women like you. You see how missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbel at Second Mesa, Arizona, and Dr. Abell and Alice Jorgenson, a Registered Nurse, in the Belgian Congo put to good use the articles packed in those boxes. It is interesting to Men's and Youth groups, as well as to the Woman's Society.

The filmstrip with reading manuscript is for sale. The price is five dollars. Order it from the Baptist Film Library.[1] You may want to purchase it for your church film library, or your association may purchase it and circulate it for the cost of mailing.

Interested in Saving Money?

On **Overland** shipments, it is suggested that those societies wishing to save on postage costs ask a home missionary to do their White Cross buying for them. Considerable postage can be saved on heavy articles. Follow these steps:

1. Find out what the retail price of the article is in your shopping center.
2. Send money *direct to the missionary* to cover the quantity of this article as it appears on your quota.
3. Enclose a letter telling the missionary this money is for White Cross and is intended for the purchase of ————.
4. Keep a record of the money sent and of the articles provided by this remittance.
5. Record this information on your 1959-1960 Overland White Cross report.

[1] Baptist Film Libraries are located at: 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York; 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley 5, California.

For **Overseas** shipments the plan is explained on the golden colored statement attached to your Overseas White Cross quota. Certain supplies requested on the quota must be purchased. An order form is provided for the sole purpose of ordering these specified items. Thirty-five cents per pound for overseas handling is included in the price listed for each article.

Please read all the directions. Please follow them carefully.

Interested in Saving Time and Effort?

Read every word on your quotas and on the instruction sheets which accompany them. Time and money will be saved if you follow the instructions carefully. In addition, when instructions are followed carefully, life is made simpler for the missionaries and for those in the Overland and Overseas White Cross offices in New York.

Spending . . . Enough? Too Much or Too Little?

Recently one woman indicated deep concern over the amount of money spent by her Woman's Society last year on White Cross. Recently another woman said, "How can we feel that we are doing enough, when we have so much that we can fill our White Cross quotas and do most of our benevolent giving without depriving ourselves of any essential need or any real desire?"

Let the following two stories help you to answer the questions: Spending enough? Too much or too little?

Could You Live in Haiti?

Our missionaries in Haiti write: "We need you so very much these days. Sometimes when one's door is thronged with ragged mothers whose starving babies are huddled to empty breasts, unwanted old men leaning on weathered sticks, emaciated fathers with desperate eyes all hoping that somehow the missionaries will find something to give them—food, clothing, medicine, work. Sometimes one must close the door, go into one's room, drop down on one's knees and say, 'How long, oh, Lord, how long?' It is then that we need your prayers holding us up before the throne of Grace, asking that we may have more love, patience, more courage, more wisdom."

Last year we sent 2,000 pairs of shoes to Haiti. They could use 20,000 pairs this year. Send used clothing

and shoes, marked **For Free Distribution.** Shoes must be sprinkled with antiseptic powder. They should be wide, sturdy shoes. Any type of light-weight clothing is needed. Wrap in secure carton.

→ **Mark clearly,** For Free Distribution.

→ **Address packages to:** The Rev. C. Stanford Kelly, Box 20, Cap Haitien, Haiti.

→ **Don't forget to add:** For Free Distribution.

Have You Shared in This Work?

Lucy Bonney writes from Sumprabum in the Kachin Hills of Burma: "Our youngest Sunday school and junior church children range in age from three or four to eight or nine. They almost always appear in very faded, ragged dresses or suits because they are either hand-me-downs or clothes which have seen better days. The Kachin fathers and mothers do not seem to think that children need pretty clothes and, of course, in many cases they cannot afford to buy them more than one dress or suit a year. The children wear their clothes until they literally drop off.

"So when our latest White Cross box arrived, Aymama Chit Khin, who has charge of the youngest children, brought the children into the bedroom where the big box was and one by one the children were fitted with little dresses or suits.

"You never saw such happy children. They walked as carefully as if they were treading on eggs, when they came into the assembly. Their fathers and mothers were nearly beside themselves with pride and joy when they saw their offspring.

"I noticed that the children hadn't been home five minutes before their mothers had snatched off the new clothes and put them away in a safe place. The following Sundays we had the nicest looking group one could hope to see.

"The idea of a bath before pretty clothes are put on seems to have sunk in also. So White Cross boxes are a blessing in teaching folk new and better habits, as well as giving useful and attractive clothes to wear."

Shipping Overseas

Why do we send our White Cross for overseas missionaries to central shipping rooms? White Cross supplies which have to be sent great distances overseas require special handling to insure arrival in good condition on the mission field. This is particularly true of hospital supplies which need to be kept free from contamination of any sort.

When the Overseas supplies are received in the shipping rooms, the boxes are unpacked and the contents are placed in storage bins to await shipment. As a missionary's request is filled these supplies are taken from the shelves and repacked into specially prepared packing cases, built to withstand the strain of various means of transportation which may be required. In some instances a case may be transported by truck, ship, train, river steamer, ox-cart, jeep or station wagon, passing through many hands enroute from the port of departure to the inner regions where a mission station is located. To withstand travel of this type the container in which the supplies are packed must be sturdy enough to keep the contents free from insects, rodents, dust and moisture.

These cases, measuring 23″ x 25″ x 38″, are made of wood and are lined with heavy kraft paper to protect the contents. When your supplies are packed into the paper-lined case they are itemized for invoicing purposes, and a copy of the packing list is placed inside the case for the benefit of the missionary to whom it is sent. An acknowledgment card is also enclosed for use in notifying the White Cross department of its arrival. When ready for shipping, the case is bound three ways with heavy, one-inch strapping-ironbands, to keep it from breaking apart in transit.

All cases require invoices for the use of custom officials, truckers, shippers, and the Overseas White Cross department. For some fields import licenses must be obtained before shipment. When all arrangements are completed the case, on which the name and address of the mission have been stenciled, is turned over to the shipper. One single case may contain thousands of bandages, hospital garments, and other supplies.

New Address for New York Shipping Room

Anticipating the removal of national headquarters from New York to Valley Forge, new arrangements have been made for the packing and shipping of Overseas White Cross supplies. Please destroy all labels and packing slips addressed to 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Use *only* the new labels you receive with your White Cross quotas, for shipping supplies to New York. The new address is:

White Cross—WABFMS
King Shipping Company
c/o Gold Star Cargo Services
164 Front Street
New York 38, New York

Never enclose the 35 cents per pound in the packing slip envelope. This amount—in check or money order—should be mailed with the payment form to White Cross, WABFMS, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York—never to the shipper.

Always read and follow directions carefully.

Your New National Counterpart

It is with pleasure I present to you Mrs. Dwight M. Bahr, the national chairman of White Cross.

Mrs. Bahr is a pastor's wife and the mother of two married daughters. Many of you already know Mrs. Bahr. She and her husband, who live in Waukesha, Wisconsin, are called on often for service at our American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake.

Mrs. Bahr is a member of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies where I have learned to respect highly her abilities. She brings to this chairmanship capability and splendid qualifications.

To the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations

From: Nymah Vaux (Mrs. Harvey E. Vaux) *(right)*
Introducing: Olive Tiller (Mrs. Carl W. Tiller) *(left)*
National Chairman of Christian Social Relations
Department of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 2418—59th Place, Cheverly, Maryland

Greetings!

Throughout the summer I was hoping that it would be for each of you a time of fun with your families, fellowship with friends, rest for your bodies, reflection for your minds, and refreshment for your souls, plus time for study and planning for the year ahead. I hoped, too, that you would find time for solitude—moments relieved from the pressures of life which engulf us more and more. Anne Lindbergh in her charming book, *Gift from the Sea*, says: "It is good, I think, for our hearts, our minds, our imaginations to be stretched, but body, nerve, endurance and life-span are not as elastic. My life cannot implement in action the demands of all the people to whom my heart responds. We are forced to make some compromise."

How true this is of chairmen of Christian Social Relations! So many needs, so many problems, so many people to help; and in trying to find out which ones to undertake, we become confused. Yes, we need time to find ourselves; time to seek out God's will for us!

Annual Reports

Have you been studying your 1958-1959 report? Do you keep it constantly before you? Did you take the opportunity to attend a house party workshop?

Reports which do not fully cover our achievement are an inadequate measure of our work but they do serve as our only yardstick of Christian Social Relations' activities during the year. Reports are not just dry statistics. Rather they tell of human beings in a fellowship of people. They tell of the lives that have been touched by the local woman or church, offering friendliness, kindness, and concern in the name of Jesus Christ.

What did our national report for Christian Social Relations reveal?

Comparison	*1957-1958*	*1958-1959*
State chairmen reported on time ..	33	32
Number of societies reported	4851	4279
Societies having a chairman of Christian Social Relations	2423	2340

The report of one less state in 1958-1959 is noted. This report of a large and very active state was received too late to be included in the annual national report. The omission of this one report could account for the apparent decreases.

Thirteen states reported 100 per cent of their association chairmen as submitting reports on time.

Twenty-six states reported that every association has a chairman of Christian Social Relations.

Increases were shown in the number of churches participating in:

1. The UNICEF Project—Trick or Treat.
2. Services to Migrants.
3. Aid to Students from Abroad.
4. Help in integrating newcomers into the church and home.
5. Study of the American Baptist Resolutions.
6. Adoption of the Resolution on Race Relations.
7. Observance of World Community Day, Human Rights Day, and May Fellowship Day.
8. Number of chairmen of Christian Social Relations serving on Christian Social Action Committees.
9. Christian Social Relations Brunches. (Refer to September 1958 issue of The American Baptist Woman.)
10. All Community Problems: such as, juvenile, housing, obscene literature, mental illness, and so forth.

The reports revealed also . . .

A large increase in the number of members of minority groups attending American Baptist churches.

Fewer women being actively concerned with Good Government; that is, in belonging to a political group, or organization concerned with working for good government. With an election year approaching—1960—there certainly should be a large increase noted in this area on the 1959-1960 reports.

Trick or Treat?

A free brochure, describing the program of Trick or Treat for UNICEF, is available from the Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Trick or Treat for UNICEF is a very real concern of the women in our churches, and frequently it is the chairman of Christian Social Relations who directs the participation of the children of the church in this project. The chairmen who are familiar with the program and need only the planning kit may order one from the U. S. Committee for UNICEF, P. O. Box 1618, Church Street Station, New York 8, New York. Price, one dollar.

Last year two million American youngsters helped fifty million children and mothers. UNICEF participates in programs to fight disease and malnutrition among the world's children in more than one hundred countries. Program-aided countries spent more than two dollars in cooperative programs for each one dollar of UNICEF supplies. In 1958, 9,500 communities participated, giving $1,250,000 for children of the world. Nickles, dimes, and pennies added up!

Be sure to order the new film, "The Children's Fountain," for your community. Order early from the U. S. Committee for UNICEF.

Calendar of Special Dates

September 2 .. The Fortieth Anniversary of the Department of Christian Friendliness.
September 7 .. Labor Day
October 7-9 ... UN and Foreign Policy Seminary, New York
October 18-24 .. United Nations Week
October 24 ..... United Nations Day
October 25 ..... World Order Sunday
October 31 ..... "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF
November 6 .... World Community Day
December 10 ... Human Rights Day
February ..... Brotherhood Month
February 14 ... Race Relations Sunday
February 16-19 . Churchmen's Washington Seminar, Washington, D. C.
April ..... Report time!
May 6 ..... May Fellowship Day

World Refugee Year

July, 1959, saw the beginning of the World Refugee Year, which was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly. During this year the plight of refugees, numbering more than two million, and the need for legislative reforms affecting the United States immigration laws will be highlighted.

The Department of Christian Friendliness, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, can provide you with specific suggestions for action by your church in the present emergencies mentioned above.

The Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, can provide you with a United Nations leaflet describing the work of UNRWA, the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

Watch your newspapers for news concerning this development. Write to your Congressmen that they may know how you feel. Once the conscience of man is aroused, as in the Hungarian crisis, great deeds can be accomplished.

For Your Workbook

The following items are important and should be in the workbook of every chairman of Christian Social Relations:

Resolutions. Order from the Council on Christian Social Progress. Price, one cent per copy.

Group Conversation Packet. The leadership training emphasis for 1959-1960 in Christian Social Relations. Order from nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, $1.25.

So You Are a Chairman of Christian Social Relations. Objectives. Order from the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. One copy, free.

Group Conversation

Group Conversation is the technique being used in the 1959-1960 Leadership Training Conferences. By January 30, 1960, every state should have completed the training of the five state and association officers involved in these conferences: Presidents, Vice-Presidents of Christian Training, Vice-Presidents of Christian Service, Chairmen of Leadership Training and Chairmen of Christian Social Relations. These officers will, in turn, train the local officers. Watch for the dates for your training and plan now to attend.

Reports from those who have already received this training are excellent. Opportunities are being sought to use this technique, Group Conversation, in the churches, with students from abroad, with neighbors, interracial groups, refugees, the lonely, and the forgotten. This technique can be used for years to come, especially as we continue in the Baptist Jubilee Advance to reach out into our communities and around the world.

Nationwide Program for Peace

The chairman of Christian Social Relations will want to work with the church's social education and action committee to make certain that the church is participating in the Nationwide Program for Peace. This program is sponsored by the various denominational social action agencies, working through the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches. The program will draw upon the resources developed by the Fifth World Order Study Conference.

Farewell

Shakespeare said: "Parting is such sweet sorrow." I know just what he meant, for this is my last official message to you.

I wish I could express adequately my deep appreciation for each one of you, for your friendship, your dedication, your desire to serve.

I Present . . .

Mrs. Carl Tiller, of Washington, D. C., your new national chairman of Christian Social Relations. Mrs. Tiller has been serving as co-chairman of Christian Social Relations in Washington, with particular interest and unusual success in Christian Friendliness. Mrs. Tiller has held many offices in our denominational work. As you continue to promote mutual understanding, to develop an increasingly active Christian concern among various racial and cultural groups, and to make your influence felt in your community, state, nation, and the world, you will doubtless realize that to work with Mrs. Tiller is an unusual opportunity.

Mrs. Tiller says, "One of the biggest jobs in the world is doubtless reconciling man to man. The purpose is a noble one, and opportunities and resources for at least its partial accomplishment are ours, through the Spirit of Christ. Your loyal and ready cooperation I know you will give me and your prayers as we work together."

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Training

From: Ruth Rohlfs (Mrs. Marcus Rohlfs) *(right)*
Introducing: Olga Bell (Mrs. Ivan B. Bell) *(left)*
National Vice-President of Christian Training
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 325 West Cambridge, Phoenix, Arizona

Greetings to Vice-Presidents of Christian Training!

The Baptist Jubilee Advance is, as we have already learned, a commitment by six Baptist bodies to a five-year corporate evangelistic mission. These six Baptist bodies are: The American Baptist Convention; Baptist Federation of Canada; Baptist General Conference of America; National Baptist Convention of America; National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.; Southern Baptist Convention.

Each of these six Baptist Conventions is working out its own program, during the five-year period, in the light of its particular needs. The emphases planned by American Baptists are:

→ Mission to the Academic Community ...1959-1960
→ Mission to the Local Church 1960-1961
→ Mission to the Unchurched 1961-1962
→ Mission to the Social Frontiers 1962-1963
→ Mission to the World 1963-1964

Basic preparation for the Advance includes serious reading and reflection by pastors and people.[1] The following suggestions in the Question-Answer series may be helpful as you and your chairmen of Leadership Training and of Spiritual Life and the members of your Woman's Society work with your pastor on the emphasis for 1959-1960: "Mission to the academic community."

Questions and Answers

What can church members do in regard to this emphasis on the mission to the academic community?

Nine suggestions follow:

1. Develop and strengthen your student counseling program. Keep in close touch with students now in college. Counsel with your young people who are preparing for college. Consult with persons who have come from college.

2. Send your students to the Student Conference at Green Lake.

3. Draw attention to study books and articles on higher education. Recommended books are: *Christian Faith and Higher Education,* by Nels Ferré, and *Toward A Christian Philosophy of Higher Education,* by John Paul von Grueningen.

4. Support the Christian Higher Education Challenge.

5. Develop relationships with the schools and colleges in your state or area.

6. Invite the university pastor, if there is one in your area, to your church, that he might interpret his work to you and to your congregation.

7. Visit your public schools and become acquainted with their facilities for counseling.

8. Make use of such emphases as Baptist Education Sunday, Life Service Sunday, and Student Recognition Day.

9. Send your pastor and his family to the Evangelism and Bible Conference. This will provide him with an understanding of the Baptist Jubilee Advance and the emphasis for the year.

What can the church in the college town do?

Five suggestions follow:

1. Seize the opportunity to serve through a ministry to the campus.

2. Set up a Campus Work Committee in your church organization and give to it the responsibility for a ministry to students and faculty. Write to the Department of Campus Christian Life, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, for information.

3. Invite students to share in the fellowship of your home as well as your church.

4. Organize Bible study, prayer, discussion, and study groups as needed to meet the needs of students and faculty.

5. Work with the university, that church and university might complement each other. The university offers the church intellectual depth and insight. The church offers the university a sense of direction and purpose. If the church and the university recognize these facts and work together, the purposes of both institutions will be served.

Have You Wondered?

There are discussion groups and discussion groups, as we all well know. There are those that click and those that don't. Why do some quicken and deepen our thinking and send us away with sparkling ideas and decisions for action? The following suggestions by Paul

[1] Refer to pages 32 and 36 for additional statements regarding the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Maves, may be helpful as you plan for, lead, or participate as a member of a discussion group.

1. Come prepared to take responsibility for making a good discussion group; to share ideas, questions, and information as well as to listen. All parasites and no participants make a dull group. It you have come along "just for the ride" or just "to see what is going on" you will not profit as much as a *participant* who experiences what is going on.

2. Be seated so you can see the faces of every other member of the group. Avoid back rows and corners.

3. Practice using the names of others in the discussion.

4. Talk briefly and to the point. Stay on the topic. Avoid speeches. Don't take over the floor and keep it.

5. Pause, after you have spoken, until others have had a chance to talk. Some are not as "fast on the draw" as others.

6. Do not worry about silence. People may be thinking. This is usually a good thing.

7. Try to listen to what the other fellow is really trying to say. See if you can rephrase accurately in your own words what he has said. Test your perceptions occasionally by repeating what you thought he said and ask him if that is correct. If you do not understand a word or an idea or a suggestion, say so.

8. Give help to the other fellow if he is having trouble making his point. If he is trying to get a word in edgewise and is crowded out, help him to get the floor. If he is timid or hesitant to speak, encourage him. But don't rush in to finish his sentences for him.

9. Remember differences can be creative. Controversy may be a stimulus to a deeper study of the problem. To insist on conformity or to close out discussion too quickly may block the Holy Spirit.

10. Speak the truth (as you see it) in Love. Reject ideas or disagree, but do not reject persons.

Alice in Trainingland

[A dramatic sketch written by Mrs. Stacy Randle,[2] national chairman of Family Life, for the presentation of the Division's leaflet, "Alice in Christian Trainingland" which should be in the workbook of each member of the Division of Christian Training.]

VOICE: Don't be frightened, Alice. You're on the right road to Christian Trainingland. Just keep going; there'er good lights all the way.

ALICE: But I thought there'd be a rabbit. Don't tell me there's no rabbit with pink eyes, looking at a watch from his waistcoat pocket. And there really should be daisies, too. All I see are signs pointing the way along the road: Vice-President of Christian Training, Spiritual Life, Family Life and Leadership Training. They do sound intriguing. I believe I'll go along, though it seems curioser and curioser not to have a rabbit.

VOICE: What we do have, Alice, is a team; four people working together to do a big job that needs doing. First there is the vice-president.

[Vice-President speaks in first person, condensing her page in new leaflet, and adding to it, to give concrete help to counterpart or member of society.]

VOICE: Get moving, Alice, don't you remember in this Trainingland you must keep running just to stay in the same place?

ALICE: Don't push me. I need time to absorb the things I hear and see. I guess, though, if I'm to explore the other paths, I must do double time. First I shall listen to Mercy Grace sitting there so quiet and serene at her typewriter, writing a new leaflet no doubt, for the chairman of Spiritual Life.

[Chairman of Spiritual Life: *Same instructions as above for Vice-President.]*

ALICE: This gets better all the time. Who wants to find a rabbit with pink eyes and people who walk upside down, when they can get a different slant on the talent story from a person like Mercy Grace?

VOICE: Just wait till you try this next path: Family Life Education. Now she ought to know whether cats eat bats, and all about three-legged tables made of solid glass, and if people on the other side of the earth really do walk upside down. Annie Able, tell us your story.

[Chairman of Family Life: *Same instructions as for Vice-President.]*

VOICE: Now, be honest, Alice. In all your falling down wells and shaking hands with white rabbits wearing kid gloves, and meeting up with caterpillars, and lobsters, and mock turtle soup, have you found anything as exciting as this Adventure in Christian Trainingland?

ALICE: Well-ll, that bit about house parties, I'll admit made me want to hear more. Talents I'm already familiar with. The word she used, WORK, I think it was, I'm not so sure about liking that. But I'll go along with you, Mrs. VOICE, and see what this final marker leads to. Glory Bee, under the spreading Chestnut tree, what have you to say?

[Chairman of Leadership Training: *Same instructions as for Vice-President.]*

ALICE: What a team! Mercy Grace, chairman of Spiritual Life; Annie Able, chairman of Family Life; and Glory Bee, Chairman of Leadership Training!

VOICE: Thus grew the tale of Trainingland;
Thus slowly, one by one
It's true events were hammered out—
And now the tale is done.

[2] With apologies to Lewis Carroll and *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.*

Welcome, Mrs. Ivan B. Bell

I take great pleasure in presenting to you Mrs. Ivan Bell, our national Vice-President of Christian Training. Mrs. Bell is the wife of the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona. She has served as Recording Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Southern California, chairman of Program for the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of the State of Washington, and also for the Arizona American Baptist Woman's Mission Society. She has majored in Youth Work and is chairman of the Student Aid Committee of her church.

As I express to you my appreciation for the inspiration and cooperation you have given to me during these full and happy years in which we have worked together, I extend to you and to Mrs. Bell my best wishes as together you bring the areas of work of the Division of Christian Training to American Baptist women.

To the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

From: Nadine Schultz (Mrs. Walter Schultz) *(right)*
Introducing: Mildred Kreager (Mrs. A. Paul Kreager) *(left)*
National Chairman of Spiritual Life
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 4339 Crawford Drive,
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Chairmen of Spiritual Life:

Today I found a letter in my workbook. It was written eight years ago by Margaret Applegarth. She had just been elected the first national chairman of Spiritual Life and this was her first letter to her counterparts. At the end of her letter she added a prayer. I quote it here, hoping that it will spur us all to greater things.

Daily Prayer

For the Hands of a Chairman of Spiritual Life

Father, I think thee that in this special task thou hast no hands but my hands. Teach me to use them to thy glory throughout this coming year:

. . . that I may write with a more contagious sort of joy to the women on my list, as I share these intimate concerns for the growth of thy kingdom on earth, *beginning with me:*

. . . that it may become the most beloved business of my day to enfold all those in need within my tenderest remembrance, awaiting thy blessing: knowing that thou lovest each of us if there were only one of us.

Religion in American Life

RIAL is a nationwide project in which the most modern skills and techniques of advertising and promotion are put to work in order to arouse religious interest and the regular attendance at, and support of the church or synagogue of your choice.

The **RIAL** campaign runs throughout November and into the following months. During this period there is **RIAL** advertising in every community in the entire nation. It may be a scene on television, a voice on radio, an advertisement in a newspaper, a poster on a billboard, a car card in a bus, or a card of table graces on a restaurant table.

RIAL is a project for laymen. Nationally it is sponsored by 70 laymen and laywomen of all faiths and 24 national religious groups.

Write to **RIAL,** 300 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York, for a packet of material on Religion in American Life.

Individually we can . . .

→ Pray for this campaign that its appeal may be responded to favorably by men, women, and children throughout America.

→ Be alert for new people who may come to our churches through this effort. Make them welcome. Give them Christian guidance and help them to find a place in the church fellowship.

The Orchid Corner

Orchids to **Mrs. John E. Hasel,** state chairman in Ohio, for having written a playlet in two parts: "How Not to Plan a Devotional" and "How to Plan a Devotional." More orchids to Mrs. Hasel for planning and completing an attractive mimeographed booklet entitled "Greater Works Shall Ye Do." This booklet contains devotionals, written by nine Ohio women, on the theme for 1959-1960: "Greater Works Shall Ye Do."

Orchids to **Mrs. Peter Peters,** state chairman in Iowa, for preparing and printing enough copies of a month by month Spiritual Life calendar for all Iowa local chairmen. Mrs. Peters' calendar is gay in rainbow colors. It gives helpful suggestions each month to the chairmen of Spiritual Life.

Mrs. Hasel and Mrs. Peters are busy women. Each is the wife of an American Baptist minister. Mrs. Hasel has four young children and finds time for writing. Mrs. Peters has a daughter in college, and is herself taking college courses. She holds services every Sunday in a country church approximately twenty miles from her home.

(Spiritual Life Booklist and Worship Settings are available for ten cents each from your national chairman.)

Baptist Day of Prayer

The date: December 4, 1959

The theme: "Open My Eyes"

The Scripture: "Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35b).

The program for the Baptist Day of Prayer service was prepared by the African Baptist Women's Union. A committee of women in Oregon, under the direction of Mrs. D. S. Marvin, Portland, Oregon, the state chairman of Spiritual Life, counted, packaged, and mailed to each state chairman of Spiritual Life sufficient number of copies of the program to enable her, with the assistance of the association chairman, to send one copy to each local society chairman of Spiritual Life. These packages were mailed from Oregon on September first. With the prompt cooperation of state and association chairmen, one program should be delivered to each local

chairman by the middle of October at the latest. One program is sufficient for a society.

The offering: Checks or money orders, made payable to the National Council of American Baptist Women, should be sent to the Council's office at 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Be sure to designate: Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. Keep a record of the amount of the offering in your workbook to include in your annual report.

Send offering *only* to your Council's office in New York.

Bible Books of the Month

January, 1960 ..... Genesis
February, 1960 ..... II Corinthians
March, 1960 ..... Judges
April, 1960 ..... Mark

Universal Bible Sunday

The American Bible Society sends to each pastor a free packet of materials, including bookmarks on which is listed Bible-reading references for each day between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are invited to join the millions, in the United States and in fifty foreign countries, who are reading daily the same passages.

The peak of this Worldwide Bible Reading campaign is reached on Universal Bible Sunday, December 13, 1959. Give promotion to this program of Worldwide Bible Reading through a display of Bibles and through publicity in newspapers and on the radio and television.

Give Support to Denominational Programs

→ Pray, work, give, and help to educate others for the need to strengthen Baptist colleges and seminaries through Christian Higher Education Challenge—CHEC.

→ The five-year Baptist Jubilee Advance began in May, 1959, with the evangelistic emphasis for 1959-1960 on "Mission to the Academic Community." Read the free booklet, "An Interpretation of the Baptist Advance"[1] and see how you can give assistance.

Each year, during the five years of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, a School of Evangelism and a School of Simultaneous Effort are proposed as the church's continuing program of witness and invitation to those within its immediate reach. The School of Evangelism, consisting of six weekly periods of serious study dealing with the theological bases of our Christian faith will be followed by a week of intensive Simultaneous Evangelistic Effort, called simultaneous in the hope that all the churches of the American Baptist Convention will be engaging at the same time in this intensive Christian witness. This simultaneous evangelistic effort, which follows the period of study and preparation, is its proper culmination. Urge all members of your Woman's Society to participate.

The National Council of American Baptist Women is planning to incorporate in its leadership training emphases during this five-year period of the Baptist Jubilee Advance the emphases of our American Baptist Convention. During 1959-1960, our denomination's emphasis, "Mission to the Academic Community" is being stressed in the technique of "Group Conversation," under the direction of the chairman of Leadership Training and the chairman of Christian Social Relations. During 1960-1961, the denomination's emphasis, "Mission to the Local Church," will be incorporated in the leadership training program directed by the chairman of Leadership Training and the chairman of Spiritual Life. Special training was given to these chairmen in a special workshop at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, in July 1959. State leaders will extend this national training during state house parties and special workshops to association and local leaders.

[1] Refer to pages 29 and 36 for further details concerning the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

New Books

Keep Up Your Readership!

1. *Prayer and Personal Religion* by John B. Coburn. An invaluable guide to progress in prayer and daily living. Price, $1.00.[2]

2. *My God and My All.* The life of Saint Francis of Assisi, by Elizabeth Goudge. A fascinating story of the saint who wrote the beautiful prayer which begins, "Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace." $4.95.[2]

3. *The Bible Speaks of Daily Needs* by Georgia Harkness. In this book the author has added questions for self-examination. Price, $1.50.[2]

Good-bye, God Bless You!

Like Paul, I shall thank my God upon every remembrance of you. You have given so much to me during these past years. I thank you for your prayerful support, your helpful letters, your unflagging devotion, your fine contributions to our mutual work, and your loyal cooperation with me.

I feel that you local, association, and state chairmen of Spiritual Life are some of God's choicest Kingdom workers. May God be your constant companion and guide you into ever widening avenues of service.

The National Chairman

I am delighted to present to you Mrs. A. Paul Kreager as my successor. Her gracious and experienced leadership will be most helpful.

Mrs. Kreager was born in Zanesville, Ohio, where she grew up and married. She attended Denison University, lived in Michigan, and for the past four years her home has been in Madison, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Kreager has held various offices in woman's work, including the state presidency in Michigan. In Wisconsin she has served as state Vice-President of Christian Training, local president of the Woman's Society, a member of the Boards of the Madison Council of United Church Women and of the Friends of International Students; and on the Board of Managers of the Wisconsin State Convention. She has recently been elected a member of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

I leave you in good hands and wish you Godspeed.

[2] Order from your nearest American Baptist Bookstore: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California.

To the Chairmen of Family Life

From: Vivian Randle (Mrs. Stacy Randle)
National Chairman of Family Life
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 377 North Main Street, Milltown, New Jersey

You Said You'd Cry

It was at breakfast one Saturday morning in a home in one of our large eastern cities, that Jane reminded her mother:

"You said you'd cry if I married a Roman Catholic. I've never been asked for a date by a Protestant. Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Jewish dates, yes, but there don't seem to be any Protestant boys in my crowd. What's a girl to do?"

Jane was in her last year of high school. She and her parents had made a list of four colleges to which Jane could apply for admission. They had listed two state universities, a teacher's college, and a Baptist related college. Whichever one of the four that Jane chose to attend would be acceptable to her parents.

But Jane was having trouble making up her mind. And now the business of dates had come up. Jane's mother was sympathetic. She knew in marriage, even when both partners are of the same faith, there are many obstacles to happiness. Though Jane was not thinking of marriage for a while at least, she might as well start meeting some boys whose religious beliefs would not present too wide a divergence of views.

"The church related college offers a good course in elementary education," Jane's mother pointed out.

"Yes, but father leans toward a Big Ten college. But there I would run into the same population makeup as here at home."

"Have you pointed out that fact to him?"

At this moment Jane's mother knew she was glad that their church had voted to support generously the Christian Higher Education Challenge. She could see how the incident of Jane's choice of college might be repeated in many families, here in First Church, their own church, and throughout the American Baptist Convention.

Was Jane's mother thinking that a girl goes to college merely to find a husband? No! But many boys and girls do meet their future marriage partners on a college campus. In fact, she and Jane's father had met in a college classroom. So it is just as well to think ahead in these matters.

What happened? After a thorough discussion of the pros and cons of the various schools, Jane and her parents agreed that the best college for her needs was the church related college.[2]

Christian *Lower* Education

Speaking at the morning session on Woman's Day in Des Moines, Iowa, June 4, 1959, Miss Pearl Rosser, president of the Baptist Missionary Training School, urged parents to pay attention to Christian lower education which takes place in the home, church, and community.

"Send to us young ladies who merit the expenditure of our money and facilities," Miss Rosser said. "Let them have the right attitudes toward work, honest work. Teach them in the early years how to plan, how to study, how to organize their time. Give them a healthy respect and knowledge of sex education. Let your young ladies come to us knowing how to get along with others; let them possess the basic standards of courtesy and good manners. Such *lower* education in the early years," Miss Rosser continued, "will bring your child back from her adventure in Christian higher education ready to take her place in church, parent-teacher work, and other community groups. But first of all, she will come back ready to establish and maintain a Christian home."

Five Points of Interest to You

In speaking to the division of Christian Training on Woman's Day, June 4, 1959, in Des Moines, Iowa, Dr. Joseph J. Hanson stressed five areas in which chairmen of Family Life in the Woman's Society should interest themselves:

1. Give guidance in family worship. Distribute leaflets relating to the subject and make use of films. Suggestions:

"Christian Worship in the Family"[3]
"Daily Family Meditations"[3]
"Does Christ Live in your Home?"[4]

2. Encourage parents to meet to discuss together mutual problems and to learn how to solve them. See *Hearthstone*,[5] for pertinent articles on Christian family living with discussion guides. Many churches have found "The White Carpet", in the booklet *Living Is A Family Affair*,[6] helpful in setting the stage for a discussion on family finances.

3. Establish a family climate in your church. "Look at your church," Dr. Hanson said. "It ministers to Johnny, age 9; it ministers to mother in a group, to father in another group. Where is the family climate?" Dr. Hanson suggested family nights at church; Baptist Evening Fellowship; worship on Sunday mornings in family groups. See "Five in One Pew" in *Living Is A Family Affair*.[6]

4. Make planning cooperative. Work with the regularly appointed Church Committee on Family Life under the Board of Christian Education. If your church

has no such committee, you are in a strategic position for the promotion of a Christian Family Life Program.

"As in the larger church," as stated in the leaflet 'This Is for You,'[7] "your first concern is with the members in your own society. You may, however, approach the pastor, church school superintendent, Growth Chairman of the Men's Fellowship, to discuss cooperative planning of some all-church activity for families: for example, family nights and the observance of National Family Week.

"Without this cooperative planning you can readily see the confusion that would result in the church calendar."

5. Promote National Family Week. The 1960 theme is: "The Family as a Christian Community." Information will appear in the January issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, telling how and when to order program guide for Family Week, May 1-8.

Still Wondering What To Do For A Program?

See *Missions*.[8] The December, 1958 and the May, 1959, issues contain playlets suitable for circle or small society programs on Christian Family Living. A third playlet will be printed in the March 1960, issue of *Missions*. These playlets may be what you are looking for.

Role play "The Changing Family," chapter three in the booklet "Employed Women and the Church" by Cynthia Wedel.[2]

How Can We Find Time for Family Worship?

Sometimes when we ask this question what we are really saying is that we can't get our young people to sit still long enough for family worship. Our challenge in that case is to capture the imagination of the youngsters in our home. One subject that never fails to fascinate is: "What happened when I was young?"

Try the group conversation method at dinner or while sitting about the fire in the evening. The mother peeks into *The Secret Place*[1] to see what the topic is for the day, then she develops a conversation that will lead into a natural worship period.

Let's say that the writer of the daily devotional speaks of *bread*. The family will not realize that a technique is being used when the mother relates how, as a child, she shelled the corn from long yellow ears which she had helped to gather from the fields. She watched the miller pour the corn into the hopper; she saw the millstones grinding against each other while, down below, the water wheel turned gently in the sparkling stream. She will tell of mixing the meal with eggs, milk, soda, and salt; then baking; and finally spreading the bread with butter and blackberry jam. The first thing she knows her husband and children have entered the discussion.

The mother then leads the conversation into present day hunger and the family's responsibility to those who have no bread. She reads what the writer in *The Secret Place*[1] has to say about bread. She reads the Bible selection and the prayer.

This is just a suggestion of the many creative ways in which a family may share in family worship.

Getting Along in the Family

Through the use of hand puppets and the role-playing technique, in the workshop "Getting Along in the Family," at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 1959, a "family" projected the tension arising over the use of the family car. The members of the workshop felt that in this "family" there were respect, love, and mutual understanding but the habit of sharing had not been fully developed.

Puppets reading *(left to right)*: Mrs. William P. Lehman, Fairmount, West Virginia, played the part of grandmother; Mrs. Earl A. Duffett, Palmyra, New Jersey, college boy home for weekend; Miss Ruth Ciriaco, Ilo Ilo City, Phillipines, teen-age daughter who wanted the car to go to friends for the homework time together; Mrs. Richard Hoiland, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, discontented mother who wanted everybody to stay home to hear her troubles; Mrs. John Quist, Cut Bank, Montant, father, who wanted only to be left alone so he could read the paper and give thought to his concern about expense of driving the car.

For Your Convenience in Ordering . . .

1. *The Secret Place*, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. Price, 15 cents, single copy.

2. National Council of Churches of Christ, 120 East 23rd Street, New York 10, New York:

"If I Marry a Roman Catholic." Price, 5 cents.
"Employed Women and the Church." Price, 35 cents.

3. Department of Adult Work, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania:

"Christian Worship in the Family." Price, 3 cents.
"Daily Family Meditations." Price, 10 cents.

4. Baptist Film Library, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York; 19 South La Salle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley 5, California:

"Does Christ Live in Your Home," a new motion picture on family worship. Rental, $9.00.

5. American Baptist Publication Society, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania:

Hearthstone. Annual subscription, $3.00.

6. American Baptist Bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania, 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California.

Living Is A Family Affair. Price, 50 cents.

7. National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York:

"This Is For You." Price, 5 cents.

8. *Missions*, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Annual subscription, $2.50.

To the Chairmen of Leadership Training

From: Verda Albrecht (Mrs. William O. Albrecht)
National Chairman of Leadership Training
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 611 South 10th Street, Rocky Ford, Colorado

Goodmorning, Dear Counterparts!

This year marks the Centennial for both the state of Oregon and the state of Colorado. It is a time of looking at the past, present, and future in the development of these states.

Sometimes it is good for us to pause and to look back, providing we do not continue to dwell in the past. The present and the future demand our energies, but there is perspective to be gained by a broad backward look.

Like Janus, the Roman god with two faces, one looking to the past, the other scanning the future, we, too, in order to achieve our goals in life must look backward and learn from experience, and then forward to plan how we shall best apply this knowledge to our present tasks.

In the Fifties

In the "Fashionable Eighteen-fifties," no woman would have been caught east—or west—of the Rockies in 1859 without a *Godey's Lady's Book,* the most important woman's fashion magazine of its time.

In the late fifties, "Godey's" was breaking records with a circulation of 150,000 and women all over the country were avidly studying its pages for the latest fashionable costumes for themselves and for their families.

In 1959, no American Baptist woman leader would be caught east—or west—of the Rockies without her copy of The American Baptist Woman—or at least her page from the magazine, the page written especially to her by her national counterpart.

"The American Baptist Woman"

Today The American Baptist Woman is breaking records with a circulation of 7,500. Baptist women leaders all over the country are eagerly reading its pages for the latest ideas, information, and methods on how best to promote their work as they seek to serve their Lord.

Each state officer and chairman should have a subscription to The American Baptist Woman. Each association officer and chairman should have a subscription to The American Baptist Woman. Three copies should be subscribed for by each local society: one for the president to keep intact; one for her to separate and distribute to her officers and chairmen; one for the chairman of Leadership Training to keep intact. The price is one dollar a volume. Each volume includes three issues: the first issue is printed in the winter; the second, in the spring; and the third, in the fall. Subscriptions to the magazine coincide with the calendar year. Subscriptions to Volume 4, the 1960 volume, must be entered prior to October 15.

Again Like Janus

We look backward and we look forward. In all situations, our own experiences and the experiences of others can help chart our future—can actually make the difference between reaching a goal or failing to reach it.

Past and present officers learned through experience that keeping a well balanced workbook will help chart the future of our Woman's work. A recent letter, from a woman who had received nothing from her predecessor and who needed help in taking over her new chairmanship, emphasized more than ever the importance of keeping helpful materials on file for one's successor.

If you are a new chairman who did not receive a workbook begin now to compile a workbook for yourself and for your successor. If you are a chairman who was presented with a file of material, be sure to see that your successor is treated as efficiently by keeping your workbook up to date.

Tools

Yes, experience can make the difference between reaching—or not reaching—the goal. The experience of the past and present has been recorded for us in the form of our tools:

The Leader's Guide,[1] a new loose-leaf book, gives the duties of all officers and chairmen. It is punched and it is the correct size for your workbook. Price, 50 cents.

You Can Be a Leader.[1] Price, 50 cents.

Training Program for Leaders.[1] Price, 50 cents.

The Report Book, a measuring stick of our successes and of our failures, is not just to determine whether we have failed or succeeded, but to help us by these experiences to chart our course for the future.

A *Constitution* is essential that all things may be done in order and for the best interest of all concerned. All constitutions, suggested by the National Council of American Baptist Women for state, association, local societies of (1) over 75 members, (2) 25-75 members, and (3) fewer than 25 members, have been revised and are now available at the office of the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, 5 cents each.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN is important to the Baptist woman leader of the present, for in it she will find the new fashions in literature, tools and techniques, information regarding duties and the annual emphases (goals) toward which to chart her course for the year.

Reviewing the Past

Another glance at the past gives us the following figures from our 1958-1959 national report, which includes reports from 2,604 societies:

2,604 societies reported having a chairman of Leadership Training. Excellent!
790 Training classes were held for new officers and chairmen shortly after their election.
1,039 societies studied last year's report.
957 societies used workbooks.
1,134 societies stressed the value of division meetings.
419 circle coordinators were reported.
1,817 conferences were held by societies.
6,250 women attended program planning sessions.
3,305 attended worship classes.
2,347 attended sessions on parliamentary procedure.
3,852 attended mission study sessions.
1,174 conferences were conducted by local chairmen.
19,252 women received training at the association meetings.
9,010 women received training at state house parties.

This is a starting point for next year's work. Let us exceed these totals in 1959-1960!

Had reports from the three states which failed to report and the two which arrived too late, been included in the national report, the totals would reveal a much fuller and truer story of the work that was done during 1958-1959 in leadership training by our Woman's Baptist Mission Societies across our American Baptist Convention.

Let us pledge right now that each one of us will make a report, as complete as possible, and will mail it on time to our counterpart as requested.

Observing the Present

Group Conservation, our leadership training emphasis on Christian Social Relations, offers an opportunity for Christians, who are committed to the principle of social and racial equality, to remedy the situation of underprivileged and segregated peoples. Group Conversations offer a way of extending Christian fellowship to those who might not otherwise be reached. The state, association, and local committees should decide upon the place to meet, making sure there is room available for the necessary conversation groups. Groups ideally should not consist of more than twenty.

The "Packet for Group Conversation" should be ordered well in advance of meeting to assure ample time for study. The packet includes a copy of "Know Your Neighbors," a manual for group conversation leaders, by Rachel DuBois and Mew-Soong Li; "Around the World by Group Conversation," a Baptist Primer by the Department of Christian Friendliness, American Baptist Home Mission Societies; and a Guide for the Leadership Training Conference. Order the "Group Conversation Packet" from your nearest American Baptist bookstore.[1] Price, $1.25.

Please make the following correction in the Guide in your packet: On page 4 under the suggested schedule change the subject at the 4:10 hour from "Journeying" to "This Season of the Year."

Group Conversation is *person* centered. This makes it different from our other training conferences, which have all been *problem* centered.

Group Conversation is timeless. It is a technique that can be used over and over again. It can be used with many groups of people.

We have good news for those desiring an extra copy of the Baptist Primer, "Around the World by Group Conversation." This booklet is available at your nearest Baptist Bookstore.[1] Price, 25 cents.

Looking to the Future

Depth Bible Study is our leadership training emphasis for 1960-1961. This leadership training emphasis will be in the realm of the Renewal of the Church, the Renewal of the Woman's Society, and the Renewal of the Individual.

The plan is to emphasize through our total program in Woman's work the annual phases of the Jubilee Advance so that we will include and will help to promote the interest within the church.

During the year 1960-1961 the Jubilee Advance will have as its special emphasis "The Mission to the Local Church." The purpose will be the Renewal of the Church as imperative to Evangelism. The emphasis on the Renewal of the Church by the women will be placed on coming to grips with the Bible. This we shall do in Depth Bible Study.

Dreams Come True

Dreams are constantly materializing at Green Lake. For years the National Council of American Baptist Women has been striving to prepare in advance the Leadership Emphasis for the year. This was accomplished at the 1959 National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. A workshop was led by Mrs. Kreager who trained the state chairmen of Spiritual Life and the state chairmen of Leadership Training for the 1960-1961 Leadership Training Program. This advance training makes it possible for state chairmen to train their leaders in the 1960-1961 emphasis, Depth Bible Study, during 1960 state house parties.

It was with sadness that Mrs. Albrecht left the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, on the morning of the day on which the Conference opened. Her husband's sudden illness took her home to Colorado.

It was with sadness that the National Council of American Baptist Women learned that Mr. Albrecht passed away on September first.

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[1] Order from your nearest American Baptist Bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chiacgo 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California.

To the Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women

From: Golda Morford
National Vice-President of Business and Professional Women
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National Council of American Baptist Women
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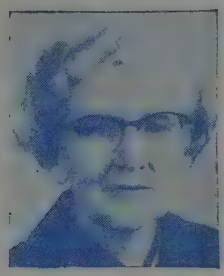

The Detroit Story

[Continued from the 1959 spring issue of The American Baptist Woman, *page 38.]*

In the pioneering days of this work for the Detroit Baptist business and professional women—as is true of pioneering days in any field of work—it was very often necessary to ask first and later to secure "official sanction" for action. So, four business and professional women not only served as a nominating committee, putting their own names down on the slate, but they served as the Publicity and Program Committee for the second "regular" meeting of the Detroit Association of Business and Professional Women. These four business and professional women put heart and soul into both publicity and programming and certainly rated "A" for accomplishments.

At the second meeting, which was city-wide, there were present seventy-seven Detroit Baptist business and professional women. From all reports, these gainfully employed women left that meeting enthusiastic about both the program and the fellowship. And they "legalized" the first Executive Committee by unanimously electing the slate presented to them!

During the first year, the Executive Committee of the Business and Professional Women's Division and their advisors—the officers of the Woman's Society of the Detroit Association—met in regular committee sessions, pooled their thoughts and their hopes, and prayed together that they might succeed in increasing the number of business and professional women "united in their loyalty to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through a program that would cultivate a missionary spirit and a definite commitment to active participation in attaining the objectives of the National Council of American Baptist Women in cooperation with the American Baptist Convention." Between committee meetings, these women thought, prayed, and *worked* to accomplish the same ends.

One of the first duties the committee set for itself was that of finding and listing the Baptist business and professional women in the Detroit area. Every church in the Detroit Association was contacted for the purpose of securing a list of all employed women on its membership roll. Often it was necessary to contact (1) the church secretary, (2) the pastor, and (3) the president of the Woman's Society before receiving the names from a church. By the end of the year, the committee had secured the names of over eight hundred Detroit Baptist employed women with only approximately fifty per cent of the churches responding to the request. Some churches continue to ignore these requests for the names of their business and professional women, and thus deny their employed women the privilege of Christian fellowship with the employed women of other Detroit Baptist churches.

However, with the cooperation of the fifty per cent of Detroit Baptist churches, by the end of the first year the Executive Committee experienced the joy of having seen the work grow: several new local groups were organized; membership of several of the local groups already organized increased by leaps and bounds. One group increased its membership from six to fifteen; another from twelve to thirty-five. In all cases part of the credit for added interest and added members in local groups was justly given to the work of the Association Executive Committee of Detroit Baptist Business and Professional Women.

The first years of "building" are bound to be filled with mountain-top and deep valley experiences, which now and then level off to flat tableland experiences. It is hard to say which type of experience was hardest to live through. When the Executive Committee dreamed dreams of what business and professional women, if united, could accomplish for Christ, when they began to see business and professional women becoming enthusiastic, and when they received word of another Business and Professional Women's Circle being formed, they were indeed on top of the world. But after the mountains came the valleys and out of some of those valleys it was really hard to find the way.

Some local Woman's Baptist Mission Society presidents "weren't interested" in a program for business and professional women; some were even determined to block it. Many business and professional women had found their outlets in other than church areas, even though they were church members. These women said frankly that they had no time to accept leadership in church activities. Such were "valleys." But in spite of

the valleys, the work progressed, although often seemingly at a snail's pace.

This leveling off of our mountain top experiences often seemed frustrating because there appeared so few evidences of progress. And, yet, as we once again started up the mountain and we looked back across the flat stretch of what had seemed fairly barren land, we realized that only because we had crossed the level were we in a position once more to climb the mountain and feel the exhilarating atmosphere at the mountain top.

Early in the development of Baptist Business and Professional Women's work in Detroit, the Executive Committee came to the conclusion that some form of organization was necessary. This belief arose, not out of a desire to see business and professional women's work develop outside of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, but rather to secure its growth *within* the parent organization. For three years the Executive Committee worked carefully and prayerfully on a constitution which could set forth the interests of Baptist employed women and which would, at the same time, provide for more clearly defined ties between Baptist employed women and their parent organization, the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

Present at all committee meetings at which the constitution was discussed was at least one officer of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Detroit. The Executive Committee believes that the writing of that constitution has been one of its crowning achievements. It would be impossible to give here that constitution in total, yet to make no mention of it would be to leave out an important chapter in "The Detroit Story."

Included here are only the first three Articles and let them tell their own story of the successful struggle to build an organization suited to the needs of employed women and to build *also* an organization which makes Baptist employed women *only* a Division of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of the Detroit Association.

Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the "Division of Business and Professional Women of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of the Detroit Association." As one of the divisions, it is a part of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Michigan, within the National Council of American Baptist Women.

Article II—Purpose

The purposes of this organization are:

1. To help to strengthen the National Council of American Baptist Women through concentration upon its purpose.

2. To help business and professional women cultivate fellowship as one means of broadening opportunities for spiritual, intellectual, cultural development, and thereby for greater service.

3. To help the business and professional women "identify themselves with a cause vastly bigger than themselves and gain stature through that participation."

4. To help Baptist women see the wider mission of the church.

5. To cultivate a dedicated Christian leadership among business and professional women in home, church, in community, nation, and world.

Article III—Membership

Membership in this organization is open to all gainfully employed women, to all retired business and professional women.

First Meeting in 1954

Beginning with the first meeting in 1954, at which time twenty-nine women were present, each city meeting has been indeed a mountain-top experience. In between those meetings, we may have wandered in the valley or felt that we were struggling along on the level at a snail's pace, but at the meeting there was always inspiration in the program and Christian fellowship, and in the concrete proof of progress made during the intervening months. Each year the attendance increased. Each year the number of churches represented increased. At the 1958 meeting there were 135 present from 15 churches.

The 1958 Meeting

The program planned for this 1958 meeting, at which 135 were present from 15 churches, offered proof that our business and professional women are facing the need in today's world for greater unity among people of all faiths. The program consisted of a panel made up of a Protestant pastor, a Jewish rabbi, and a Catholic priest. Dr. Richard Cummings, the executive secretary of the Detroit Baptist Union, served as moderator of this distinguished panel. These leaders discussed the question: "What contributions do religious leaders believe business and professional women should be making to the City of Detroit?"

The Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish faiths were represented not only by speakers but by business and professional women of their individual faiths. One Baptist Business and Professional Women's Circle brought, as guests, ten international students who represented the Catholic, Protestant, Moslem, and Hindu faiths. This Inter-Faith Meeting was the mountain-top experience of all mountain-top experiences! It indicated real progress toward the achievement of our universal goal which says in part, "to help the employed woman find her place in a group of Christian business and professional women through which she can serve her church, community, nation, and world."

Since 1954, the Division of Business and Professional Women of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of the Detroit Association has been offering to Baptist employed women in the Detroit area an opportunity for fellowship and for spiritual, intellectual, and cultural development. An achievement such as this could, of course, never have been brought about by any one person or committee. This "Detroit Story" could never have come to life except through God's direction and guidance.

"The Detroit Story" was written by Miss Golda Morford, national Vice-President of Business and Professional Women, at the request of American Baptist employed women.—Ed.

To the Fellowship Guild Counselors

From: Marion Manogg (Mrs. Robert Manogg) *(right)*
Introducing: Eloise Beynon (Mrs. Lee J. Beynon, Jr.) *(left)*
National Fellowship Guild Counselor
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 245 West Madison, Holyoke, Massachusetts

Girls! Girls! Girls!

Guild Girls!

Guild girls, 13,594 in 1235 chapters in 31 states! That is what the 1958-1959 annual reports revealed. But we know that 1453 chapters exist in these same 31 states. The questions: What happened to the reports from the other 218 chapters? Did the local counselors fail to send in reports? Were they sent in too late to be included? Do you know the answers to these questions?

Remember we do not have a true picture of Guild work unless reports are sent from every chapter. Last year one large state failed to report. That report would have changed the picture.

Will each individual counselor resolve now to record all the activities of her Guild during 1959-1960, so that her annual report will be complete. If a counselor leaves office during the year, be sure to present an up-to-date report to the new counselor. Use the report form for the year 1958-1959 as a guide. Begin to strengthen the weaknesses of your group.

Remember that every girl from twelve through twenty-four years of age is a potential Guild girl.

Our aim for 1959-1960: a report showing at least twenty thousand Guild girls!

Program Kits

Only 910 chapters reported using the Program Kits. These kits were produced because many of you requested help in program planning. It is not expected that you will use every program nor that you will use them as they are written. Change them to meet your needs. The girls must enter wholeheartedly into the programs if they are to be meaningful.

The programs in the Program Kits are based on the four areas emphasized in the Guild program. Four of the programs are on Missionary World Outreach. In this area, according to the 1958-1959 reports, we need to use more of the programs. Plan with your chairman of Program and encourage the use of programs on the home and overseas themes.

1958 Love Gift

The 1958 Guild Love Gift totaled $6,211.35. This amount averages approximately forty-six cents a girl.

The use of Love Gift boxes is helping our girls to have a part in expanding the world mission outreach of our denomination. Continue to encourage the use of the boxes. Be sure to have a dedication service for the gifts when they are brought to the Guild meeting. A short prayer dedicating these gifts, a few verses of Scripture, a short paragraph from a letter from a missionary or a news item from *Mission* or *Crusader* will help to inform our girls and will, doubtless, result in increased gifts.

Important . . .

1. Be sure that the gift is sent through the benevolent treasurer of your church to your city or state office, marked "Guild Love Gift."
2. Do not send the Guild Love Gift with that of the Woman's Society.
3. Do not include the amount of the Guild Love Gift in the amount of the Woman's Society.
4. Report your Guild Love Gift from January first to January first, following the calendar year.

Reading Program

The 1958-1959 reports show an increase. In 1957-1958, 34 chapters qualified in the Reading Program. In 1958-1959, there were 48! This leads us to believe that many of the chapters concentrated on this program. However, not as many girls participated. This year, therefore, let us concentrate on both the number of girls reading and the number of chapters qualifying.

There are many new books listed in the 1959-1960 issue of Guild Goals. Be sure to look these over. If you have not as yet started a library for your girls, perhaps you can obtain help for such a project. If you do not have sufficient funds, possibly some organization in the church would like to take the girls' library as a special project. There may be individuals who would be willing to make a gift of the price of a book. In Detroit there is an elementary school in which every child on his birthday contributes the price of a book to build up the school library. Might this plan not work in Guild?

White Cross

State Counselors now have the new White Cross forms to be used by Guild and the instructions for sending the overseas quotas. These forms are to be used by all Guilds. Each counselor will want to read the instructions carefully before she discusses them with her Guild chairman of White Cross. The counselor and the chair-

man of White Cross will plan together how best to carry out the instructions.

Be sure to fill each quota exactly as it is given—no more—no less.

Be sure that articles are made according to the instructions in the White Cross Manual. The Chairman of White Cross for the Woman's Baptist Mission Society in your church has a copy of this manual.

Our aim is that more than 972 chapters will accept a quota this year and fill it. The girls spent $5,521.63 to fill and mail their quotas during 1958-1959.

Program of Degrees

Girls in 363 chapters are working on the Program of Degrees. It is important to remember (1) that any girl may begin this program at any time; (2) that she must work on it individually. It is a program geared to the individual girl; she works on it alone, as slowly or as rapidly as she wishes. There is no time limit for the completion of the requirements for obtaining these degrees. However, when a girl has completed the requirements for a degree, it should be conferred upon her as soon as possible without waiting for others in her chapter. This is a high moment in her life in Guild. It is recommended that the degree be conferred upon her while standing beside the members of her chapter, before an audience. The Woman's Baptist Mission Society, a Bible school class, a mid-week prayer group, Sunday evening church service, are suggestions.

Always explain what the girl has achieved to receive the degree. Invite other Guild chapters in your vicinity to witness the conferring of the degree. It may encourage other girls to begin working towards the same goal. Remember this is a program of growth.

Alma Noble Scholarship Fund

Very shortly, from your state Guild Counselor, you should receive your copy of the new brochure telling about the Alma Noble Scholarship Fund. Since last September $278.73 have been added to the fund from contributions made by various Guild chapters. Money may be sent at any time for this fund. It should now be sent to Mrs. Lee J. Beynon, Jr., 245 West Madison, Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Mollie Lyndell Morris, of Fairview, West Virginia, is the scholarship girl for 1959-1960. She has matriculated at Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, West Virginia.

Interesting Reports

Extra activities are usually fascinating. Some of the interesting and unusual extra activities reported by Guild Girls during 1958-1959 are presented here:

→ One senior high Guild from California went to Hopi Land where fifteen girls taught Bible school for the Reverend and Mrs. James Denny, missionaries at First Mesa, Polacca, Arizona.

→ Guild Girls of Southern California sent $350 to Marjanet Worrell in Kavali, South India, to buy 100 chairs. They also sent a Guild Girl as a youth missionary to Hawaii in the summer of 1958. The cost, two hundred and sixty-six dollars, was paid by the state Guild.

→ The Alma Noble Girls of Billings, Montana, help each week at the new "Friendship House" Christian Center. For six months they also conducted a Sunday church school at Unionville, Montana.

→ In New Jersey, cottage prayer meetings were held for shut-ins.

→ *The Secret Place* in Braille is purchased for the blind of one church by a Guild chapter in Indiana.

→ Vermont chapter visited the Christian Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

→ Haitian student at the Baptist Institute was honored at a tea given by a Pennsylvania Guild.

→ Guild of Japanese Girls in the state of Washington, exchanged programs with another Guild. The girls also visited in a Japanese home and mission.

→ Birthday cakes were presented to patients in a nursing home on their birthdays by a Sallie Peck Guild chapter from Prosser, Washington.

→ Ten large puppets were made by a Guild in Ohio for a Fresh Air Camp.

→ Guild Girls of the Grand River Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, ushered during the morning and evening service on Mother's Day.

→ Guilds of Arizona, as a state project, bought a state flag for Green Lake.

→ Wisconsin Guild, as a result of the Mounds-Midway Bib Project, has adopted the idea for its own church. Now each new baby gets a bib from the Guild Girls.

→ Pen Pals from Alaska and Bacone have been secured.

→ West Virginia Guild set up a list of requirements for the achievement of Guild pins.

→ West Virginia Guild adopted a shut-in retired missionary. This Guild has kept its identity a secret.

An Honor and a Pleasure

It is indeed an honor and a pleasure for me to introduce to you the new national Fellowship Guild Counselor, Mrs. Lee J. Beynon, Jr. Mrs. Beynon lives at 245 West Madison Avenue, Holyoke, Massachusetts. She is a pastor's wife and the mother of two daughters. She has held important offices in her state, the latest being state chairman of Family Life and she was on the 1959 staff of the National Guild House Party at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Beynon is looking forward to the next two years with great expectation and enthusiasm. Will you join me in remembering her in our prayers.

May God richly bless all of you as you work together to help our girls grow into the finest possible type of Christian young women.

My Deep Appreciation

It has been a real joy and inspiration to have worked with you during these past four years. May God bless you all as you continue to serve Him.

To the Recording Secretaries

From: Louise Reagan
(Mrs. William L. Reagan)

National Recording Secretary
National Council of American Baptist Women

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Notes . . .

To Secretaries

The first crisp days of autumn remind us that in many instances summer was for training but fall is for action! Did you attend your state house party, the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, or another conference which included training?

At our luncheon conference on Woman's Day, in Des Moines, Iowa, June 4, 1959, and in our workshop for secretaries at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, July 11-18, 1959, an acrostic was used as a means of listing our responsibilities as secretaries in our Woman's Societies. The acrostic is printed here for those, not able to meet with us in Des Moines and at Green Lake, who may also wish to use it as a reminder and checklist.

Acrostic for Secretaries

S ecretaries keep accurate records.
E xact wording of motion and name of maker is required for the minutes.
C arry on correspondence as directed.
R ecord what is done—not what is said.
E ndeavor to keep the president informed upon matters of business at hand.
T ype minutes, if possible, supplying the president with a copy.
A ttend as many local, association, state, and national meetings as possible.
R etain up-to-date copy of constitution and by-laws.
I nform members of appointment to committees.
E mphasize all the work of the Woman's Society.
S end out notices for meetings.

Duties

Yes, all of the above and many more duties combine to make our elected office a busy one! According to the suggested constitution for a Woman's Baptist Mission Society in a Baptist church, "The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee. She shall be the custodian of the Society's records. She shall send notices of all meetings and shall conduct the correspondence as directed. She shall keep a roll of members of the Society and a record of their attendance at all meetings. . . ."

(Cut along this line)

To the Treasurers

From: Edith Mount
(Mrs. Ira C. Mount)
Introducing: Evelyn Lloyd
(Mrs. Clarence R. Lloyd)

National Treasurer
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 218 Bay Ridge Avenue, Brooklyn 20, New York

Dear Treasurers:

To all of you who are serving as newly elected treasurers, welcome to the fellowship! Perhaps in the past you have listened casually to the treasurer's report of your society; now the finances of the society are your particular responsibility. The members will turn to you frequently for advice, and your opinion may be the deciding factor in many decisions.

Training for the Task

Because you are a conscientious person, you are wondering how you can best prepare yourself for this service.

Study last year's annual report, which should have been included in the workbook turned over to you by your predecessor. Be sure to read carefully the headings on the report form, so that you will know exactly what information is requested. Plan your work during the year and keep careful records so that you will be able to make an accurate report. It is amazing the amount of misinformation that is often reported. For example, about one-fourth of the 1958-1959 reports from treasurers indicated that their income comes from the unified budget. As a matter of fact, very few churches supply the funds for carrying on the work of the Woman's Society. There are some, to be sure, in which all organizations are in a church unified budget, but they are comparatively few. In most cases women pledge an amount that they will give in support of the work of the Woman's Society. In reporting, therefore, it is important to read the question carefully, that the answer given will be correct.

Know the responsibilities of Christian stewardship. Read *Stewardship in the Life of Women,* by Helen Wallace; now out of print, but probably in your church library. "Stewardship Facts for 1959-1960," published annually for ministers and lay leaders is now available at American Baptist Bookstores at 30 cents a copy. The better informed you are, the better treasurer you will be.

An Opportunity to Help

A new financial opportunity is coming to your society during 1959-1960. The offices of the National Council of American Baptist Women will be located in the denomination's new headquarters building at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. A desire has been expressed to have a share in making the Council's offices efficient and attrac-

tive. Permission has been granted by the Finance Committee of the American Baptist Convention to ask the participation of American Baptist women in furnishing the offices of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

It is suggested that each Circle of each Woman's Society contribute one dollar toward the furnishings. If your society is not organized on the Circle plan, one dollar for every ten members would average approximately the same. Not very much, is it, and yet it can be the difference between a sparsely equipped and an efficient office. Through this contribution by local societies, each American Baptist woman can feel that she has had a share in this project.

How Shall Gifts Be Collected?

The procedure is simple: Gift is sent by local treasurer *to* association treasurer *to* state treasurer *to* state president, who will take it to Woman's Day in Rochester, New York, at which time a special presentation of the gifts is planned.

No Designations, Please

Now your generous spirit is going to say "Why don't we pay for a typewriter" or "Why don't we pay for a desk." Even though "you can get it for us wholesale" we ask you not to designate. Our agreement is that we will keep our furnishings in line with the furnishings of other offices so there will be some degree of uniformity. We ask, therefore, that you leave the selection of furnishings to those who will be assigned this responsibility.

Welcome to Our New National Treasurer!

It is with pleasure that I present Mrs. Clarence R. Lloyd of Brooklyn, New York. Mrs. Lloyd comes to this position with long experience in local, association, and state work. Most recently she has been serving as state chairman of Love Gift for the New York Woman's Baptist Mission Society. Mrs. Lloyd is active in the Greenwood Baptist Church of Brooklyn.

I ask for Mrs. Lloyd the same warm-hearted cooperation you have given me. May God's richest blessing rest on her and on you, as together you work for the best interest of the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Clarence R. Lloyd Speaks

As I take up my responsibilities as treasurer, I do so with the keen feeling that I am "not alone," but one of a team, each member with a specific task and all working to give of their best to the Master's work. Whatever our place, our work in the local church, in the community, and in state, and nation should contribute toward His work. We are ourselves the treasury on which He draws, His purposes to fulfill.

Changes in the Constitution

When the constitution is changed by action of the society, it is recorded in the minutes. However, it is the secretary's duty to keep one book in which the Constitution, By-laws, Rules of Order, and Standing Rules are written, leaving every other page blank. Whenever an amendment is made to any of these important documents—Constitution, By-laws, Rules of Order, Standing Rules—in addition to being recorded in the minutes, it should be entered immediately on the page opposite to the article amended, with a reference in red ink to the date and page of the minutes where the amendment is recorded.

"Literature Highlights"

Have you seen the special section for secretaries in "Literature Highlights"? If not, request your chairman of Literature to show you her copy. Among the books listed are:

The Secretary's Handbook, by Tainton and Monro. Price, $3.95.[1]

The Clubwoman's Manual, by Monro and Monro. Price, $4.50.[1]

These two books contain information of real value to secretaries. Try your public library.

Simplified Parliamentary Procedure. This pamphlet gives basic rules for conducting a meeting, order of business, what to record, and is of special interest to presidents and secretaries. Order from the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund, Inc.. 461 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York. Single copy, free.

Workshops

Does your state or association hold a workshop for secretaries? It is well to get together to compare notes.

Although many of our procedures are already formulated (that is according to Robert's Rules of Order), we do have ideas for more effective ways of keeping our societies' records. Let us share them.

Let Us . . .

Review—item by item—our Leader's Guide. Do you have a copy of the Secretary's Guide in your workbook? It was published in the spring, 1958 issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. A reprint of the guides is available at your nearest American Baptist Bookstores.[1] Price, 50 cents.

Achieve our emphases for 1959-1960. One of the emphases (goals) printed in the spring, 1959 issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN is "to promote actively the work of our Woman's Society." As a secretary you *know* what your Woman's Society accomplishes. Use this knowledge to broaden the scope of women's work —in the local, association, and state areas.

Share ideas, suggestions and questions with other secretaries. Please send them to me at 4140 Rivercrest Drive, North Salem, Oregon, for printing in the future.

[1] Order from your nearest American Baptist Bookstore: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California.

From: Faith Bailey (Mrs. Ernest B. Bailey)

National Chairman of Publicity

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Dear Chairman of Publicity:

If you owned all the following books in the publicity field, you would probably be an expert. (The chances are you would also be broke!) But libraries are so conveniently free.

Of course, not all the books in this bibliography will be found in your community library, but a large number will, and can be read and studied in your own living room, without costing you a penny.

Some of the others can be had for a postcard request. And why not treat yourself to buying at least one of the standard classics in the publicity field this year, later wheedling your society into allotting you and your committee some budget money for a few more.

The Importance of Your Job

Crisis in Communication. By Malcolm Boyd. A provocative book to make you think deeply about the implications of your seemingly routine publicity chores. Price, $2.95.[1]

General Background

Publicity Goes to Church. By William Leidt. Just off the press, this is one of the few church publicity books which includes facts about printing, type, paper, layout, and copy editing. Price, $2.75.[1]

Is Your Publicity Showing? By Alice Partlow Curtis. A how-to-do it book written especially for the woman new to her publicity chairmanship. Price, $3.50.[1]

Public Relations Manual for Churches. By Stanley I. Stuber. This book gives you a thorough foundation in understanding church publicity. Price, $3.50.[1]

So You're Publicity Chairman. By Frances Fiske. Written with a few chuckles for women, it nevertheless covers all the necessary essentials. This book is out of print, but available in most libraries.

Effective Public Relations. Adult Education Association of the U.S.A., 743 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois. Price, 60 cents.

Publicity Pointers. By Lucille Furman. Written for a specific national women's organization, this is highly applicable to church groups, especially those which are a part of a national group. Order from the Association of University Women, 1634 Eye Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C. Price, 25 cents.

Exhibits and Displays

100 Suggestions for convention and trade show exhibitors. Written for salesmen, it is easily "translated" for help in organizing and setting up your exhibits at house parties, association meetings, and so forth. Order from Manpower, Inc., 820 Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Free.

Planning Your Exhibit. By Janet Lane and Beatrice Tolleris. If you are confused about the principles of design involved in putting together a good-looking exhibit, this book has the answers. Order from the National Publicity Council for Health and Welfare Service, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York. Price, $1.25.

Layout and Design

Advertising Layout and Typography. By Eugen de Lopatecki. Price, $4.25,[1] plus 14 cents postage.

Layout in Advertising. By W. Dwiggins. This book is out of print but is available in most libraries.

Layout. By Charles Felten. Price, $3.50.[1]

Radio

How You Can Broadcast Religion, by Charles Schmitz and Lois Anderson. If you want to use local radio to get publicity for your society, this book covers a thousand facts you should know. Price, $2.00.[1]

Direct Mail (Promotional Letters)

The effective and profitable use of industrial direct mail advertising. Order from McGraw Hill Publishing Company, Inc. Direct Mail Division, 330 West 42nd Street, New York City, New York. Free.

Writing and Editing

The Art of Readable Writing. By Rudolph Flesch. Price, $3.00.[1]

The Technique of Clear Writing. By Robert Gunning. Price, $4.50.[1]

Production

How to Prepare Art and Copy for Offset Lithography. William J. Stevens. Price, $3.00.[1]

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